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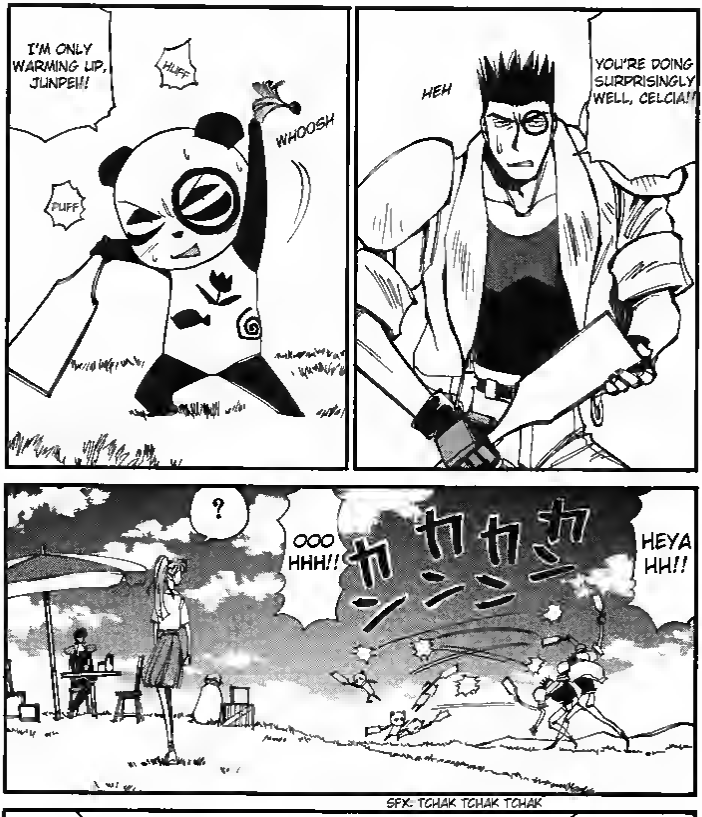

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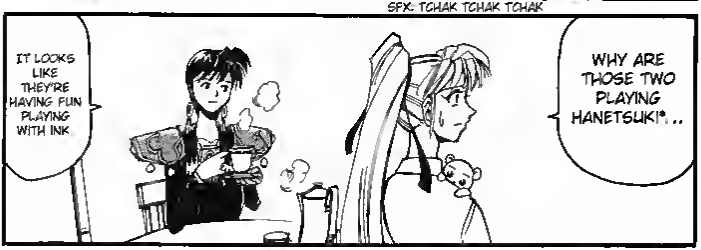


*A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE GAME SIMILAR TO BADMINTON

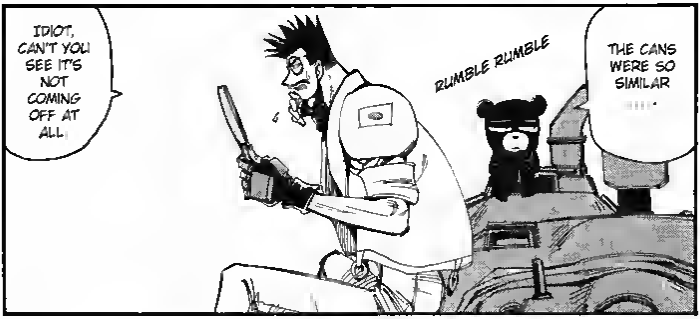
YOU'LL REGRET THIS!!
COME ON NOW, DON'T HESI-TATE!!
DAMN IT!!
HE HE HE
YOU MISSED ONE, CELCIA!!
WHOOSH
AH!!
SFX SPLOSH
HEYA HH!!
URY AA!!
SFX TAC TAC TAC TAC
DAMN IT!! YOU USED MAGIC, DIDN'T YOU!?
GRRRR
HO HO HO HO
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO PAINT YOU!!
WHAT?
SFX MISS
PAINT?
LOOK
LOOK
HAVE YOU SEE THE PAINT I BOUGHT THROUGH MAIL ORDER?
BY THE WAY, AIRI-SAN,
THIS TIME I'M FIGHTING SERI-OUSLY!!
I'M GONNA GET YOU!!
SFX TAC TAC TAC TAC TAC

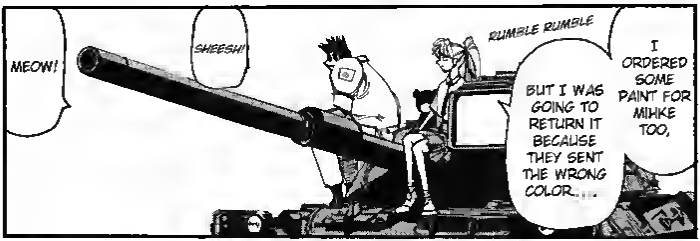
THE PAINT IS SUPER STRONG, IT WOULD BE WISE NOT TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES WHILE USING IT.
BEAUTIFUL PAINT! IMPOSSIBLE TO WASH OFF!!
IT'S BLACK.
WHAT COLOUR IS IT?
THAT PAINT SOUNDS DANGEROUS.

I'LL PAINT HERE NEXT!!
HE HE HE
RIT-CHAN, BOTH OF THEM.
..... AH!

#40: IT WON'T WASH AWAY WITH WATER

GEEZ WHAT...
IT'S ONLY WATER BASED PAINT. IT SHOULD WASH OFF EASILY
RIGHT?


IDIOT, CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S NOT COMING OFF AT ALL.
RUMBLE RUMBLE
THE CANS WERE SO SIMILAR.....


MEOW!
SHEESH!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
I ORDERED SOME PAINT FOR MIHKE TOO,
BUT I WAS GOING TO RETURN IT BECAUSE THEY SENT THE WRONG COLOR....

THIS IS SERIOUS.
IT WON'T CAUSE YOU ANY PROBLEMS
THEN YOU

IF THIS DOESN'T DISAPPEAR I'LL STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER.
STOP COMPLAINING,
YOU ONLY WENT FROM BEING A PANDA TO A BEAR.

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REALLY?

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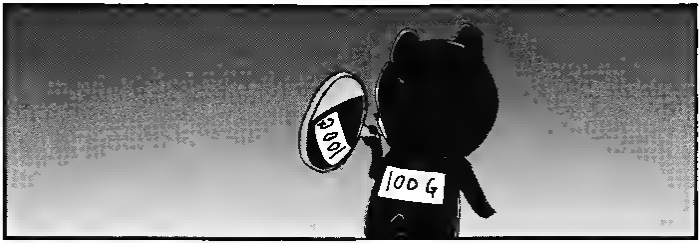
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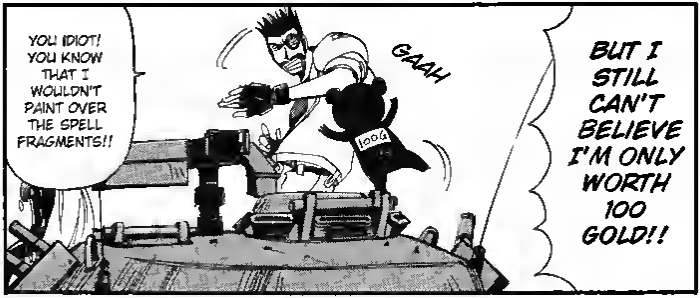
YOU IDIOT! YOU KNOW THAT I WOULDN'T PAINT OVER THE SPELL FRAGMENTS!!
GAAH
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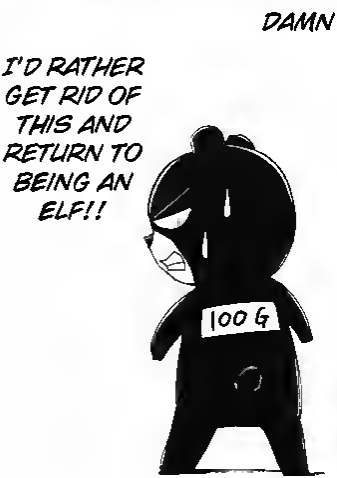
BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ONLY WORTH 100 GOLD!!

WE ONLY NEED ONE MORE SPELL FRAGMENT AND THEN WE CAN GO HOME TO JAPAN!!
DAMN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I'D RATHER GET RID OF THIS AND RETURN TO BEING AN ELF!!
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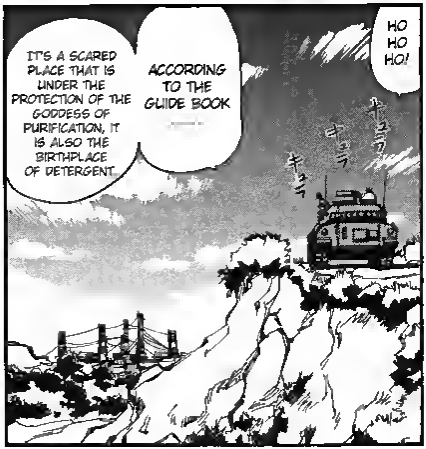
HO HO HO!
ACCORDING TO THE GUIDE BOOK
IT'S A SCARED PLACE THAT IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE GODDESS OF PURIFICATION, IT IS ALSO THE BIRTHPLACE OF DETERGENT.
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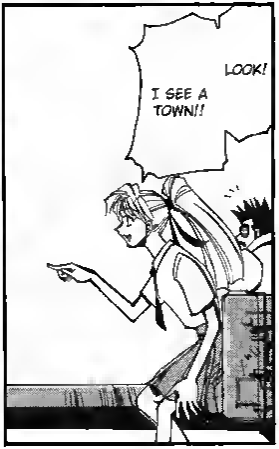
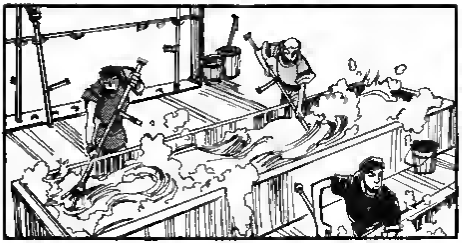
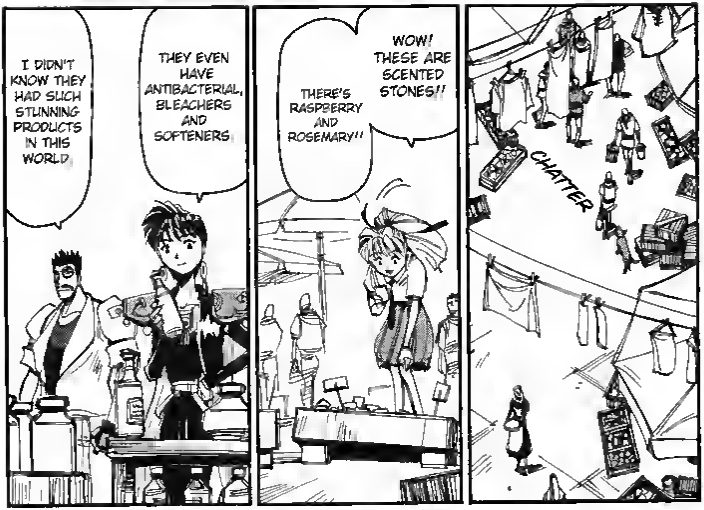


SFX RUMBLE RUMBLE

IT'S A CITY OF MIRACLES WHERE EVERY SPECK OF DIRT IS WASHED AWAY WITH SOAP!!




I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD SUCH STUNNING PRODUCTS IN THIS WORLD.
THEY EVEN HAVE ANTIBACTERIAL, BLEACHERS AND SOFTENERS.
THERE'S RASPBERRY AND ROSEMARY!!
WOW! THESE ARE SCENTED STONES!!
CHATTER

HE'S RIGHT, CELCIA-SAN
WE'RE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR PEOPLE.
IN OUR WORLD, WE GENERALLY USE PIG URINE OR ONIONS.
THOSE ARE LUXURY GOODS
ALRIGHT! SHOPPING! SHOPPING!
THE JAPANESE REALLY LIKE CLEANLINESS
DASH
FOR EXAMPLE, WE EVEN HAVE ANTI-BACTERIAL GLASSES AND PENS
BACK HOME IN JAPAN WE ARE PRACTICALLY PROTECTED AGAINST ALL BACTERIA
I THINK YOU'RE GOING A BIT TOO FAR...
OKAY!!
IT'S TIME TO THOROUGHLY TEST THIS TOWN'S CLEANING PRODUCTS!!
WELL, LET'S GET STARTED
TWHACK

CLEANSING BUBBLES WITH EMOLLIENT!
A CLEANSING FOAM WITH BEADS!!
SFX RUB RUB RUB
SFX SPLASHING
SFX SPLASHING
A MUD PACK!!
TOOTHPASTE WITH FLUORIDE AND XYLITOL.
SQUIRT
RUB RUB
SCRUB SCRUB
A SHAMPOO WITH EXTRACTS OF THE ALOE VERA PLANT!!
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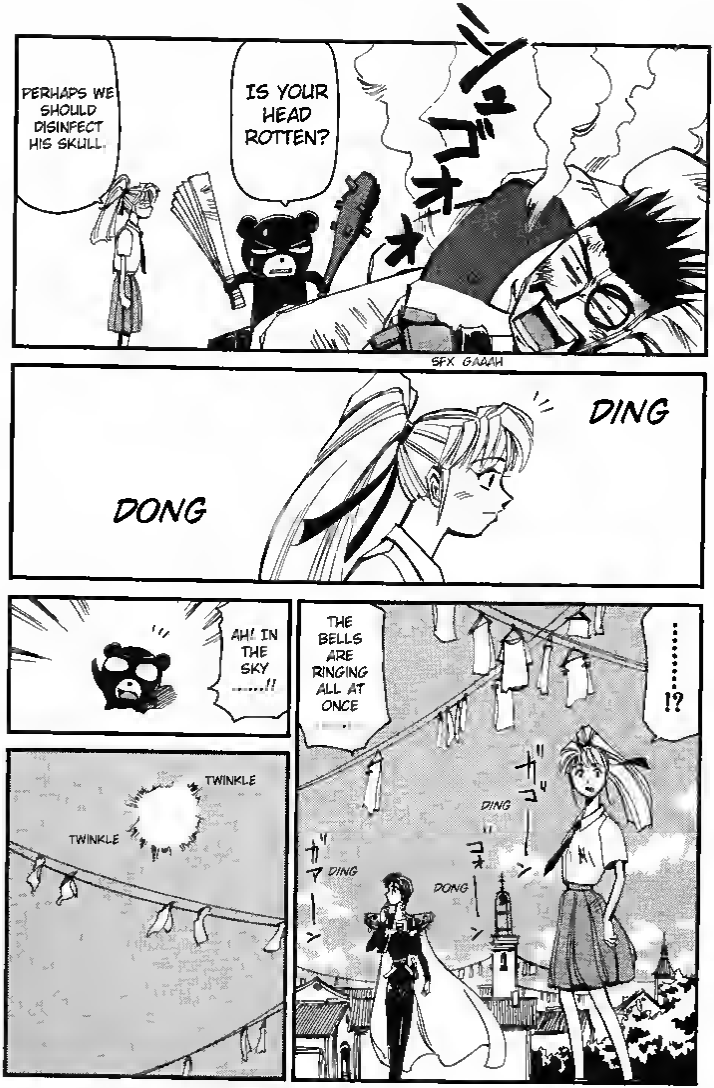
SCRUB
UMM! ♡
A NON-ABRASIVE PRODUCT USED FOR CLEANING BATHTUBS!!
RUB RUB RUB
MEOW! ♡

CAW!
CAW!
THERE'S ONE MORE THING...
WAIT A SECOND!
YEAH...
NOT ONE OF THEM WORKED
DO YOU THINK I'M A COMMON ELF!?
I'D NEVER USE THAT SORT OF THING!!
OINK
OINK
WE FORGOT ABOUT THE ULTIMATE WEAPON
SO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
HUMPH
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE THE PAINT
WE'VE GOT TO GIVE UP...

TA-DAH!
THAT'S IT!!
!?
W-WHITE PAINT?
RISUKO! BUY SOME WHITE PAINT!!
QUICKLY!!

WE'LL REPAINT CELCIA INTO A PANDA!!

COMPLETED!


PERHAPS WE SHOULD DISINFECT HIS SKULL.
IS YOUR HEAD ROTTEN?
ゴオオ
SFX GAAAH
DING
DONG
AH! IN THE SKY ……!!
THE BELLS ARE RINGING ALL AT ONCE……
……!?
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
ガヴォーン
DING
DONG
ゴォーン
ガァーン
DING

パァアアアア
SFX SHINING
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!!
SHE'S SO GODLIKE!!
DON'T YOU KNOW? THAT'S THE GODDESS OF PURIFICATION
PURIFICATION

THE GODDESS OF PURIFICATION APPEARS ONLY ONCE A MONTH, SHE ONLY CHOOSES ONE PERSON TO CLEAN.
HER CLEANING POWERS ARE GODLIKE!!
SO MUCH PEOPLE RELY ON HER MIRACLES
OH, SHE'S VERY POPULAR!
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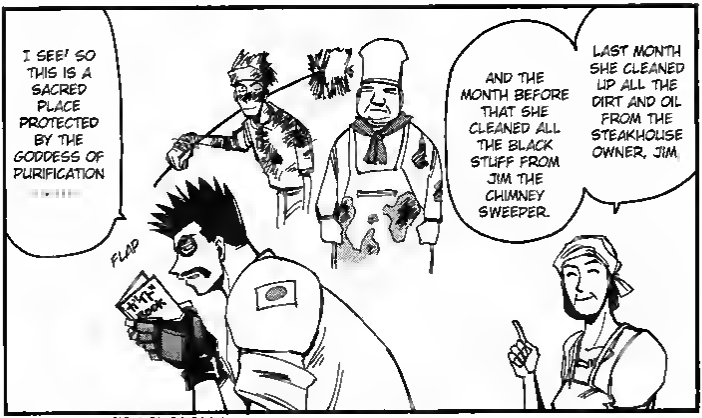
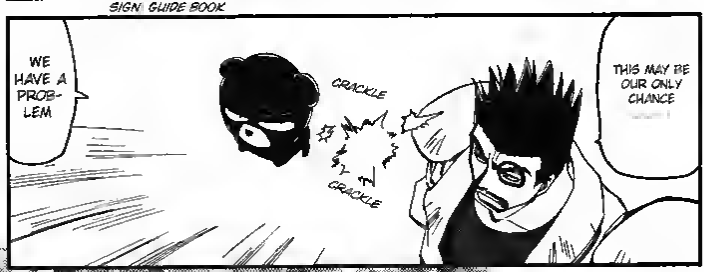
.... EVERYONE IS SO DIRTY
SFX CHATTER
GOD-DESS!!
GOD-DESS!!


I SEE! SO THIS IS A SACRED PLACE PROTECTED BY THE GODDESS OF PURIFICATION
FLAP
GUIDE BOOK
AND THE MONTH BEFORE THAT SHE CLEANED ALL THE BLACK STUFF FROM JIM THE CHIMNEY SWEEPER.
LAST MONTH SHE CLEANED UP ALL THE DIRT AND OIL FROM THE STEAKHOUSE OWNER, JIM.

SIGN: GUIDE BOOK



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WELL, WELL
HEHEHE
SPLASH
SCRUB
RUB
SWISH
THERE'S INK ON MY PRECIOUS CARPET!!
I'VE GOT OIL STAINS ON MY SILK DRESS!!
CHATTER
CHATTER
GODDESS! SHOW US YOUR COMPASSION!!
I WILL DECLARE THE WINNER OF THIS MONTHS "DIRT AWARD"
LET'S BEGIN
SWOOSH

IDIOT, IT'LL BE ME!
ALRIGHT, IT'LL BE ME!
EVEN IF IT'S HARD-ENED IN-
I WILL REMOVE ALL THE DIRT WITH MY DETERGENT AND SOLVENT.
ALRIGHT, THE WINNER OF THIS MONTHS "DIRT AWARD" IS.....
GULP

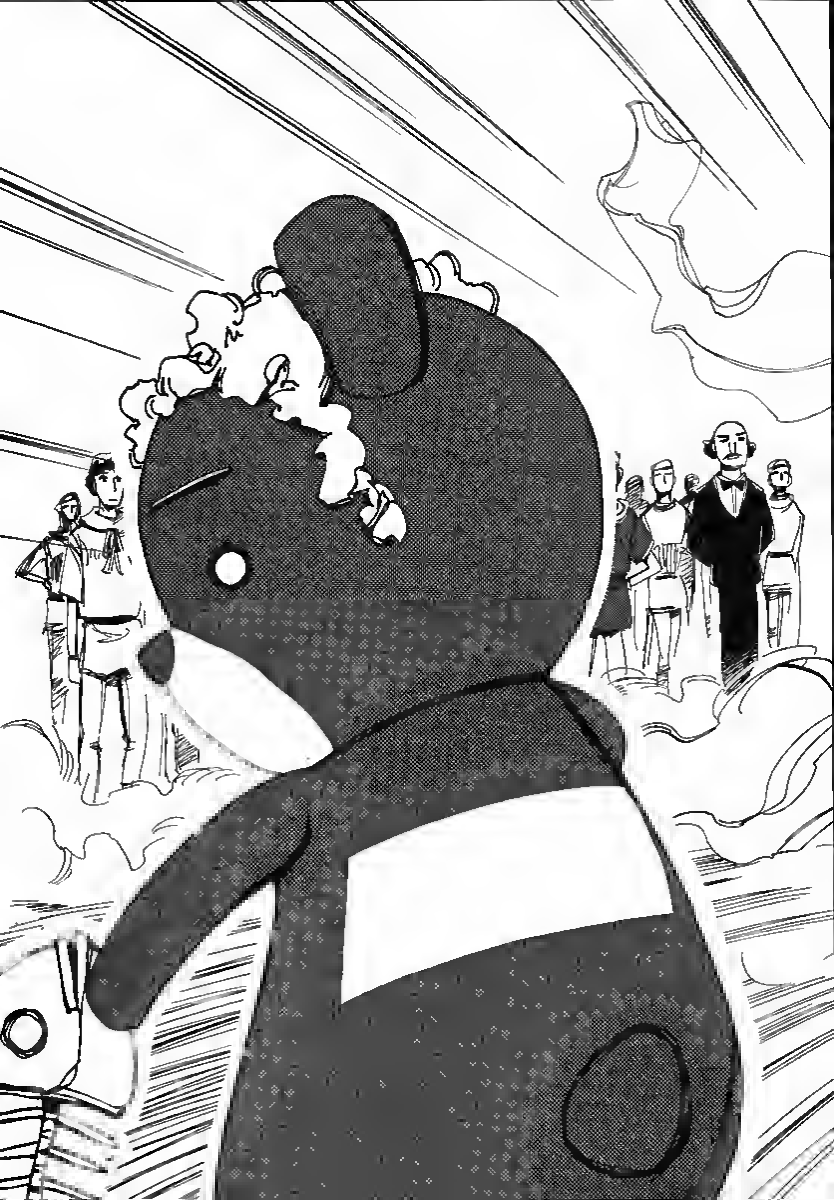
CELCIA MARIE CLAIRE!!
I ... ...
GRRR
WHAT!?

YAY! I WAS CHOSEN!!
THE WINNER OF THE DIRT AWARD
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT IT IS KIND OF RUDE.
WHY YOU!? I POURED PAINT ALL OVER ME!!
THE GODDESS SEES THROUGH YOUR OUTER APPEARANCE AND LOOKS AT THE INNER YOU
SHE EVEN KNEW MY NAME!
SHE KNEW OF ALL THE DIFFICULTIES THAT I FACED, AND HOW I'M THE HEAD OF THE COMMON ELVES!!
PAINT?
PLEASE WASH OFF ALL THIS BLACK PAINT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GODDESS!
WELL, COME HERE.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

SMILE
WEREN'T YOU PAYING ATTENTION, I WASH AWAY DIRT NOT PAIN!
LET'S BEGIN
EH?
DON'T TELL ME!!
BAM
FLY AWAY!!
DIRT, DIRT...

OOOOHHHH
.....
?
SHE'S STILL A BEAR.
GASP
JUNPEI, LOOK!! CELCIA-SAN'S BACK..
SFX: WHOOSH

THE SPELL FRAGMENTS ARE GONE!!



DON'T BE SURPRISED.
IT TOOK VERY LITTLE EFFORT ON MY PART.
.....
ボム
BOOM
SFX: FSSHHH
CRACKLE

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH
WAIT A SECOND, YOU STUPID GODDESS!!
THE SPELL FRAG-MENTS!!
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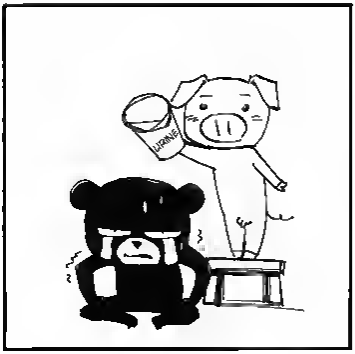
IN ENGLAND, THERE IS A PAPER TRAIL PROVING THAT PIG'S URINE WAS USED AS A BLEACHER.



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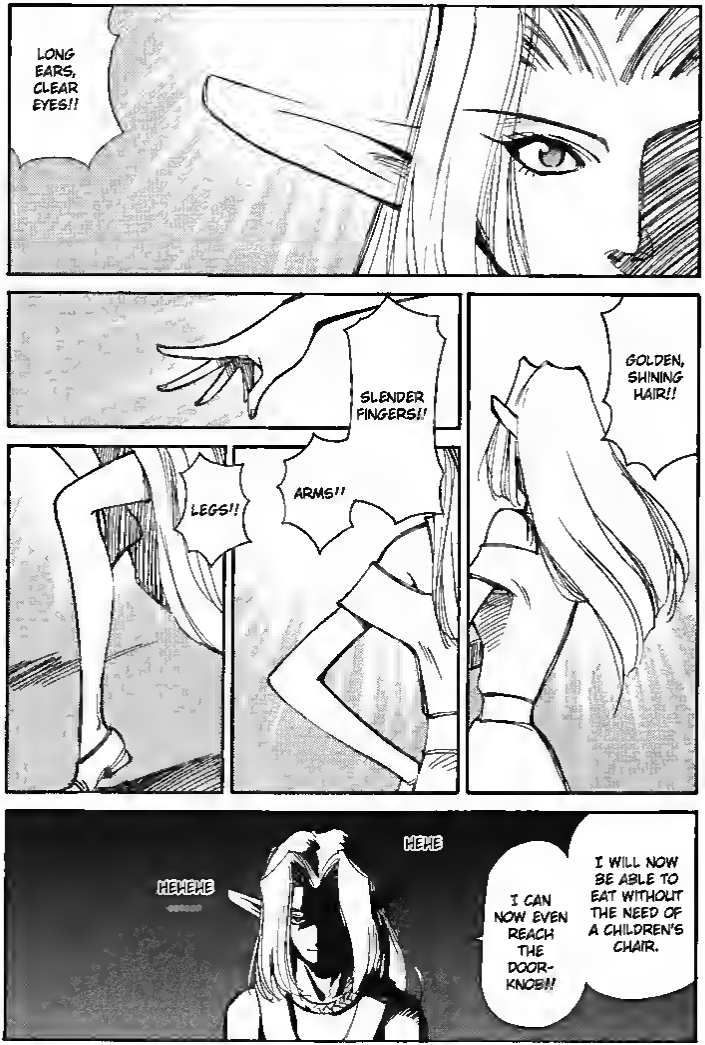
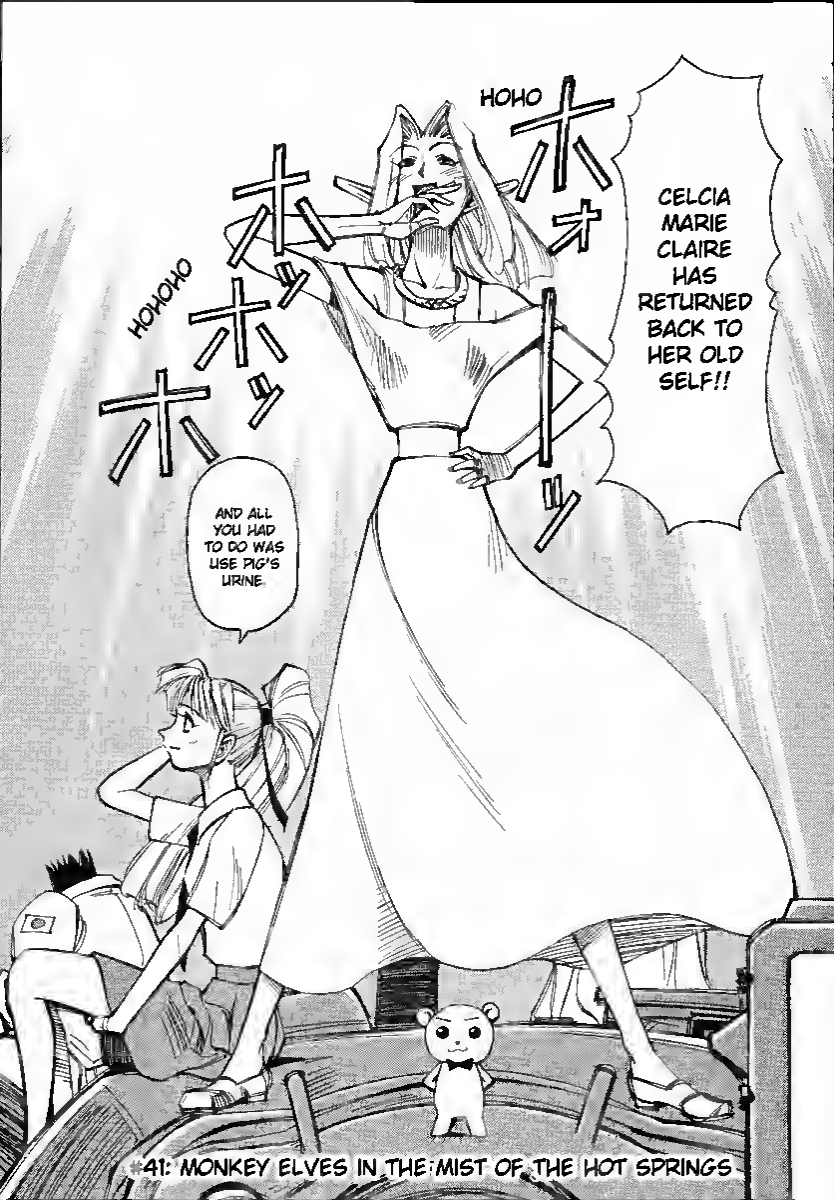
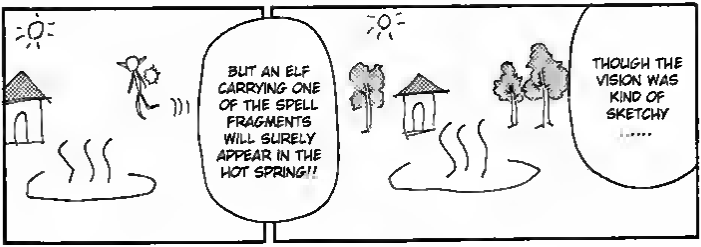

LONG EARS, CLEAR EYES!!
SLENDER FINGERS!!
GOLDEN, SHINING HAIR!!
LEGS!!
ARMS!!
HEHE
HEHEHE
I CAN NOW EVEN REACH THE DOOR-KNOB!!
I WILL NOW BE ABLE TO EAT WITHOUT THE NEED OF A CHILDREN'S CHAIR.

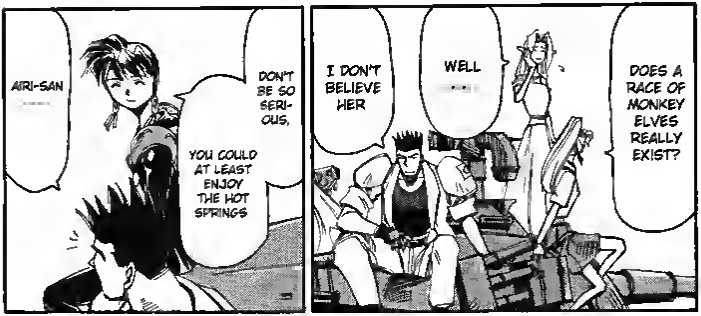


#41: MONKEY ELVES IN THE MIST OF THE HOT SPRINGS

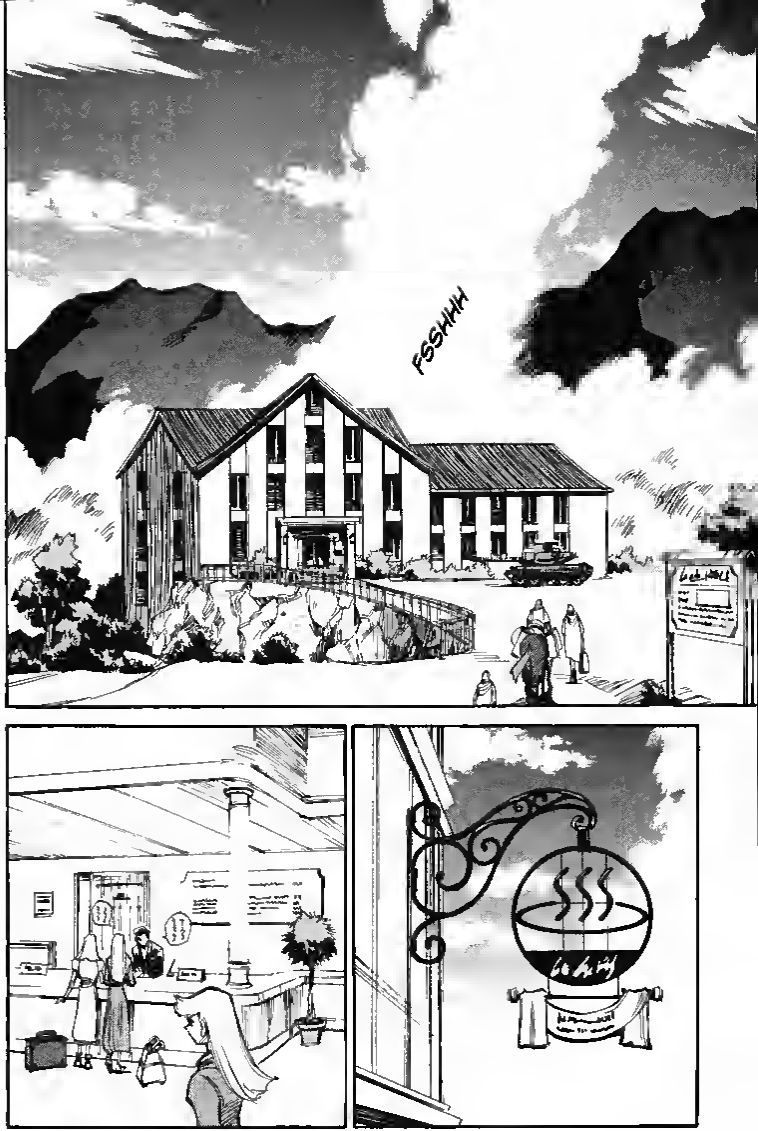
LET'S FOCUS ON FINDING SPELL FRAG-MENTS
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED?!
AH! I'M SORRY!! I FORGOT THAT I PROMISED NOT TO SAY ANYTHING!!
RIT-CHAN
RUMBLE RUMBLE
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL FIND ANY IN THESE MOUNTAINS
RUMBLE RUMBLE
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR
WELL
I DREAMED ABOUT A BIG OUTDOOR HOT SPRING
WELL ..... WHAT DID YOU DREAM?
I WANT YOU TO TRUST IN MY DREAMS OF FORESIGHT!
SFX: THUD


BUT AN ELF CARRYING ONE OF THE SPELL FRAGMENTS WILL SURELY APPEAR IN THE HOT SPRING!!
THOUGH THE VISION WAS KIND OF SKETCHY .....

IT WAS A MONKEY ELF!
KYE
THE ELF LOOKED JUST LIKE A MONKEY.

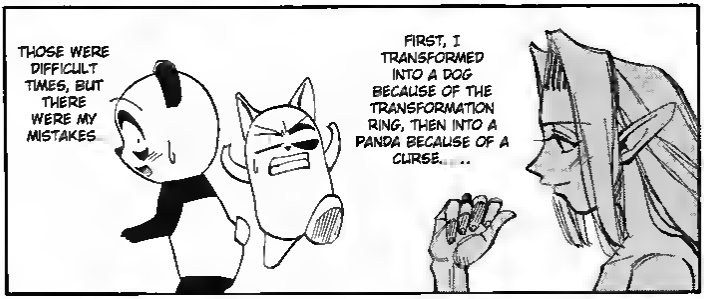

AIRI-SAN .....
DON'T BE SO SERI-OUS,
YOU COULD AT LEAST ENJOY THE HOT SPRINGS
I DON'T BELIEVE HER
WELL ...
DOES A RACE OF MONKEY ELVES REALLY EXIST?

AIRI-SAN, LET ME CLEAN YOUR BACK!!
WHY, THANK YOU!!
OH, AND YOU SHOULD LOOSEN UP A LITTLE.
SFX: GULP
CELCIA!
ABOUT THAT OUTDOOR HOT SPRING WE'RE GOING TO.....
...IS IT MIXED GENDER?
OF COURSE IT'S NOT, YOU FOOL!! LIKE WE WOULD EVER GO TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.....
WHOOSH
BAM
THUMP
I-IDIOT!! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU AT ALL!!
PER-VERT!
PER-VERT!!
I WISH YOU WERE STILL A PANDA!!
.....
IDIOT
SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE


FSSHHH

APPARENTLY THIS HOT SPRING IS ALSO A DIET COURSE.
IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE ONLY WOMEN AT THIS HOT SPRING INN.
YAH
TAP TAP
THERE ISN'T A MONKEY ELF IN SIGHT.
WHAT?
LOOK
LOOK
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S CELCIA?
HUH?
THOUGH, I DON'T SEE THE POINT IN LOOKING FOR A GUY IN THE HOT SPRINGS.
I UNDER-STAND.
WE'LL GO LOOKING IN THE WOMEN'S HOT SPRING AREA!!
BIG OUTDOOR HOT SPRING
SHE MUST ALREADY BE IN THE OUTDOOR HOT SPRING.
CELCIA-SAN WENT AHEAD OF US

THIS KIND OF HOT WATER IS GREAT!!
FSSHHH.....
THIS IS PARADISE, PARADISE!!
KYE!
KYE!
ドボーン
SFX: SPLASH
THERE ARE EVEN WILD MONKEYS WHO COME INTO THE HOT SPRING.
THE WEATHER IS GREAT TODAY!!
ANIMALS
THOSE ANIMALS SURE ARE CUTE!!
KYE!
HE HE HE.

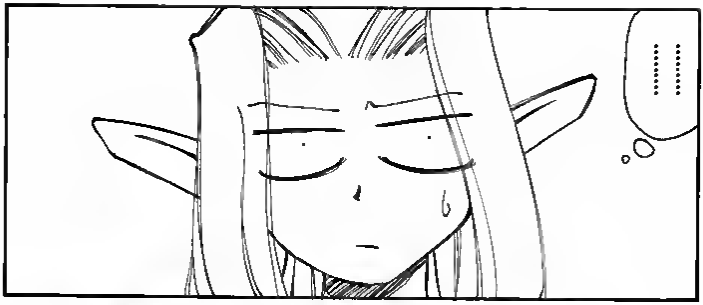

THOSE WERE DIFFICULT TIMES, BUT THERE WERE MY MISTAKES
FIRST, I TRANSFORMED INTO A DOG BECAUSE OF THE TRANSFORMATION RING, THEN INTO A PANDA BECAUSE OF A CURSE.....

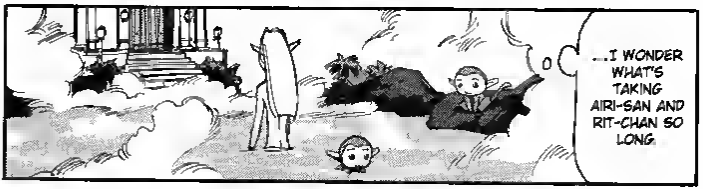
FROM NOW ON, I.....

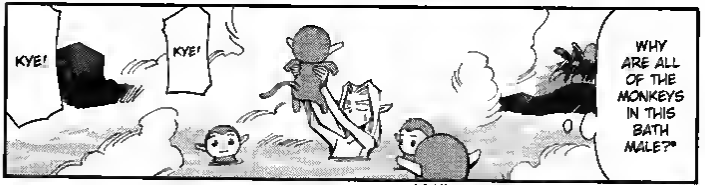
I WILL NO LONGER ACT THAT WAY!! FROM NOW ON I WILL BE A RESPECTABLE ELF, NO LONGER MAKING CARELESS MISTAKES!!

FSSHHH
I WILL NOT MAKE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MISTAKE!!

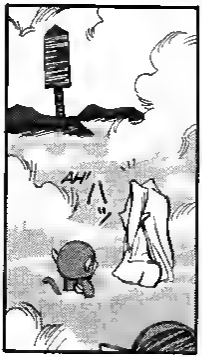
WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND .
THE MONKEY ELF CELCIA-SAN TOLD US ABOUT ...
SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CELCIA.....
.....
DO YOU THINK SHE ENTERED THE MEN'S HOT SPRING INSTEAD OF THE WOMENS?
NO WAY! THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN
AH HA HA
YEAH! SHE WOULD NEVER MAKE THAT MISTAKE!







*SHE'S LOOKING AT THE MONKEYS GENITALS.



SFX: CHILL

THIS MUST BE A MIS-TAKE!!
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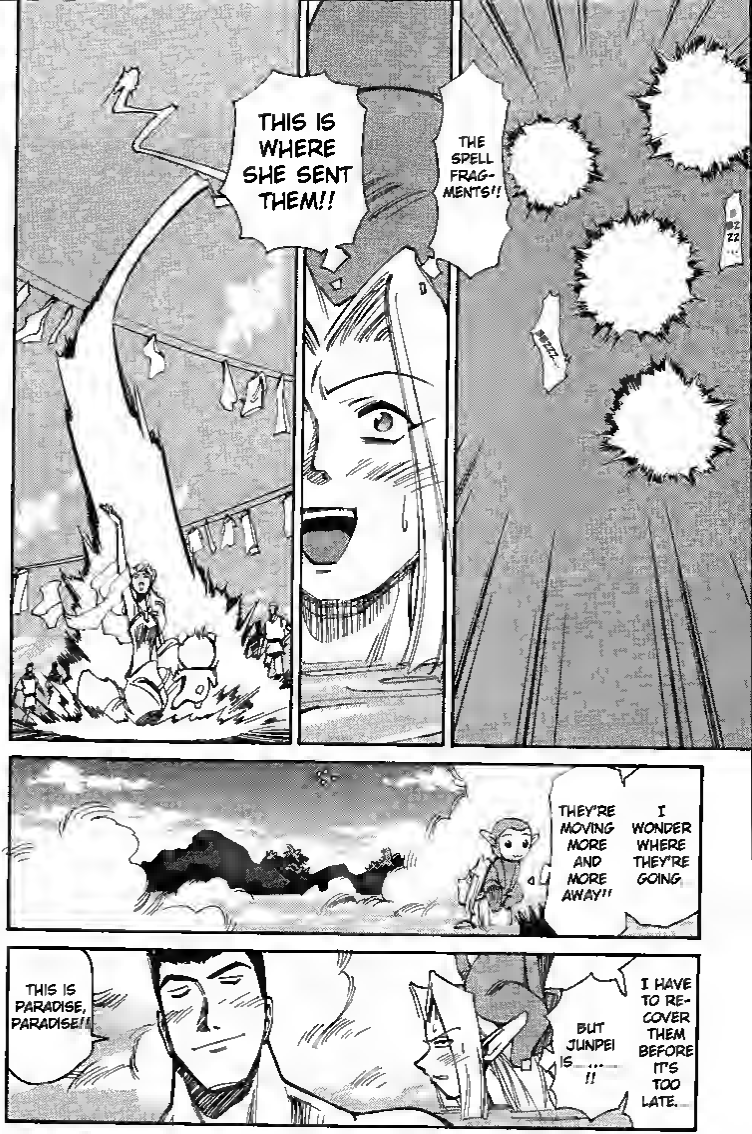
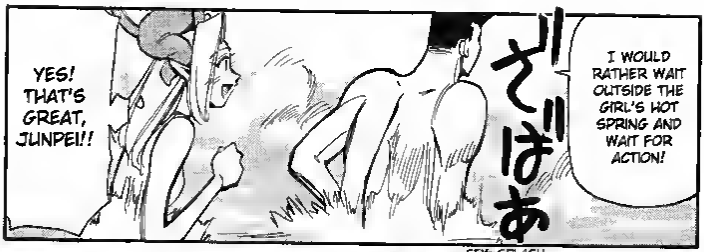
ここは男湯です
SFX: SPLASH
SIGN: NOTICE, THIS IS THE MALE S OUTDOOR HOT SPRING
BAM
JUNPEI RYUZOUJI IS HERE!!

WOW, THIS HOT SPRING IS SO HEAVENLY!!
SPLOSH
ざば
SPLISH
AHHH HHHH ……!!
ドクン
BA-DUMP
ドクン
BA-DUMP
I'M IN A DESPERATE SITUATION!!
HAHAHA! THERE ARE MONKEYS HERE!!
KYE!
……
SFX: SPLASH

UH.
COME HERE, LITTLE GUY!
SFX: POP
KYE!
HEY, YOU'RE VERY SIMILAR TO A JAPANESE MONKEY.
KYE!
HOWEVER, YOU GUYS HAVE BIG EARS LIKE AN ELF.
SFX: BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
HUH?
THAT IS....
IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO HOLD MY BREATH!!
DAMN IT! NO MATTER WHAT, I CAN'T LET HIM FIND ME!!


THIS IS WHERE SHE SENT THEM!!
THE SPELL FRAG-MENTS!!
BZZ ZZ...
BRZZL...
I WONDER WHERE THEY'RE GOING
THEY'RE MOVING MORE AND MORE AWAY!!
I HAVE TO RE-COVER THEM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
BUT JUNPEI IS.....!!
THIS IS PARADISE, PARADISE!!

THEY ARE FLYING RIGHT ABOVE YOU!!
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD RECOVER THOSE SPELL FRAGMENTS
THE PROBLEM IS ON THE MEN'S SIDE!!
I WONDER IF EVERYTHING IS PROGRESSING WELL ON THE GIRL'S SIDE
OH, DEAR
NEVERTHELESS, THAT IDIOT, CELCIA, IS ABSOLUTELY USELESS
?
DO I REALLY HAVE TO STAY HERE AND GET SOME REST AND RELAXATION?
WAIT A MINUTE


I WOULD RATHER WAIT OUTSIDE THE GIRL'S HOT SPRING AND WAIT FOR ACTION!
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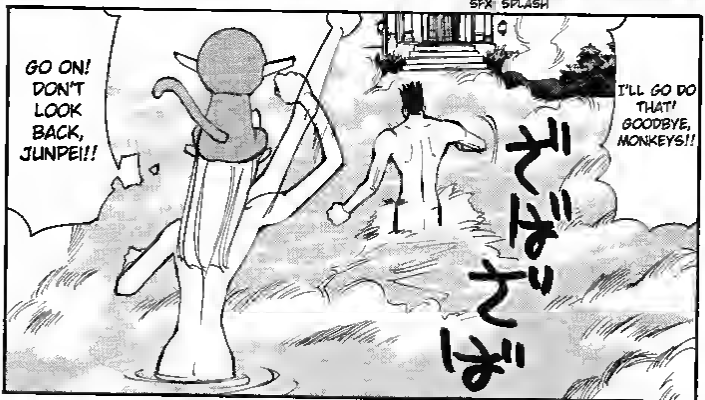
YES! THAT'S GREAT, JUNPEI!!


SFX: SPLASH
I'LL GO DO THAT! GOODBYE, MONKEYS!!
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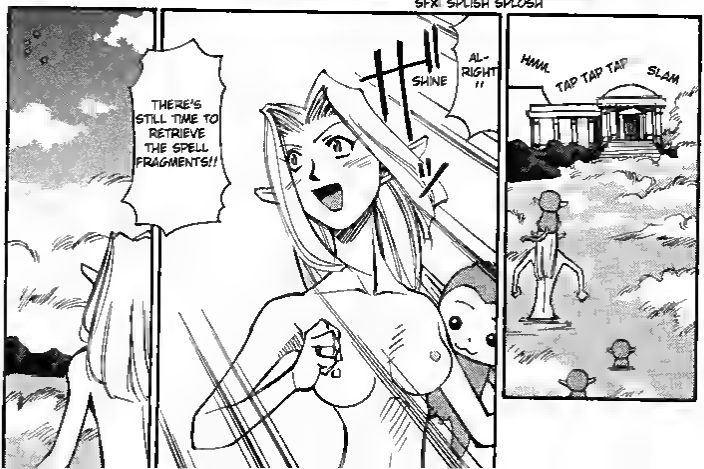
GO ON! DON'T LOOK BACK, JUNPEI!!


SFX: SPLISH SPLOSH
HMM
TAP TAP TAP
SLAM
SHINE
AL-RIGHT!!
THERE'S STILL TIME TO RETRIEVE THE SPELL FRAGMENTS!!

BB ZZ ZZ
O GREAT SPIRITS, TRANSFER THE SYMBOL TO MY BODY!
SFX BAM
SFX WHOOSH
ONCE I RECOVER THE SPELL FRAGMENTS, THEN I'LL ESCAPE FROM THE MEN'S HOT SPRING UNNOTICED!!
HEHEHE
THEY'RE COMING HERE!!
THIS IS IT!!
SFX SPARKLE

JUNPEI RYUZOUJI HAS RETURNED!!
BAM
GAAAH
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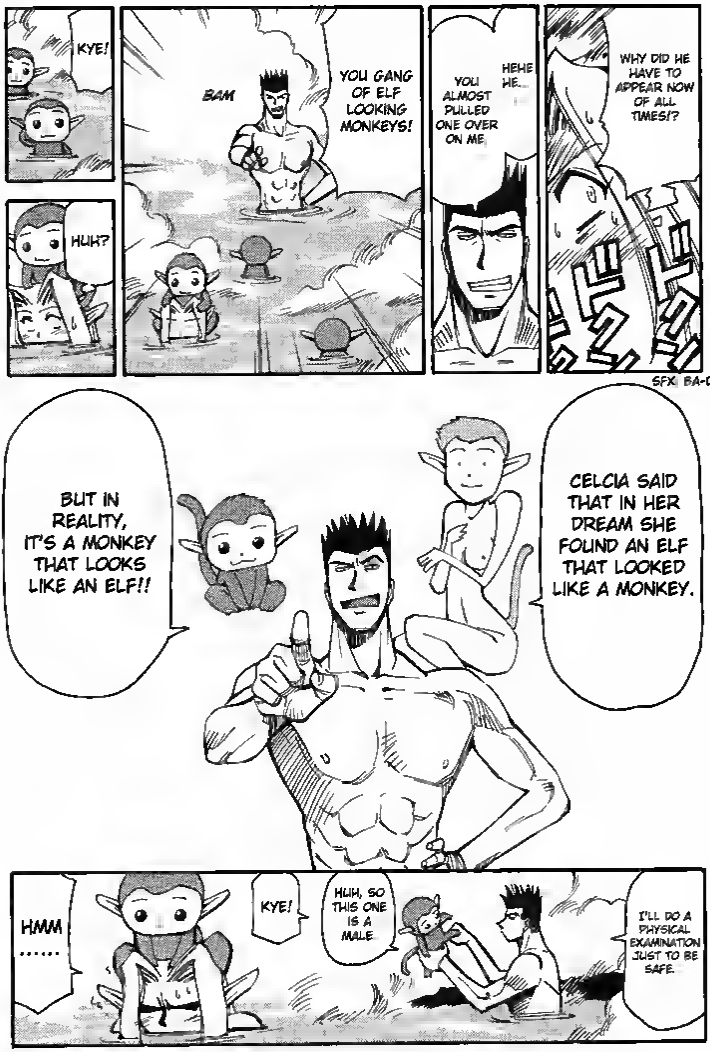
KYE!
HUH?
BAM
YOU GANG OF ELF LOOKING MONKEYS!
HEHE HE...
YOU ALMOST PULLED ONE OVER ON ME.
WHY DID HE HAVE TO APPEAR NOW OF ALL TIMES!?
SFX: BA-DUMP
BUT IN REALITY, IT'S A MONKEY THAT LOOKS LIKE AN ELF!!
CELCIA SAID THAT IN HER DREAM SHE FOUND AN ELF THAT LOOKED LIKE A MONKEY.
HMM .....
KYE!
HUH, SO THIS ONE IS A MALE.
I'LL DO A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION JUST TO BE SAFE.

EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE LONG EARS, A MONKEY IS STILL A MONKEY!!
WHAT?
SFX: BAM
SFX: BUBBLING
SFX: SPLASH
DAMN IT!!
SFX: BUBBLE
THAT VOICE, NO WAY THIS IS THE MEN'S HOT SPRING.
IT COULDN'T BE THAT IDIOT.
WHO SAID THAT?!
COME OUT HERE!!
SPLASH
SPLASH

I DON'T HAVE ANY OPTIONS!!
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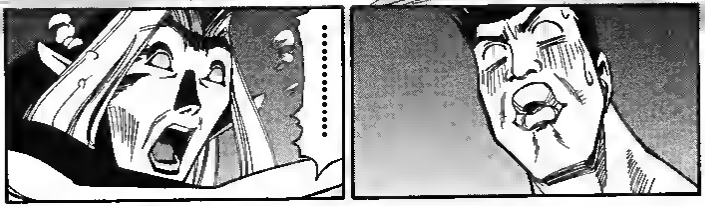
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW!?

SFX. SPLASH

UH.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AHHH! I TOUCHED SOMETHING THAT I SHOULD NOT HAVE!!
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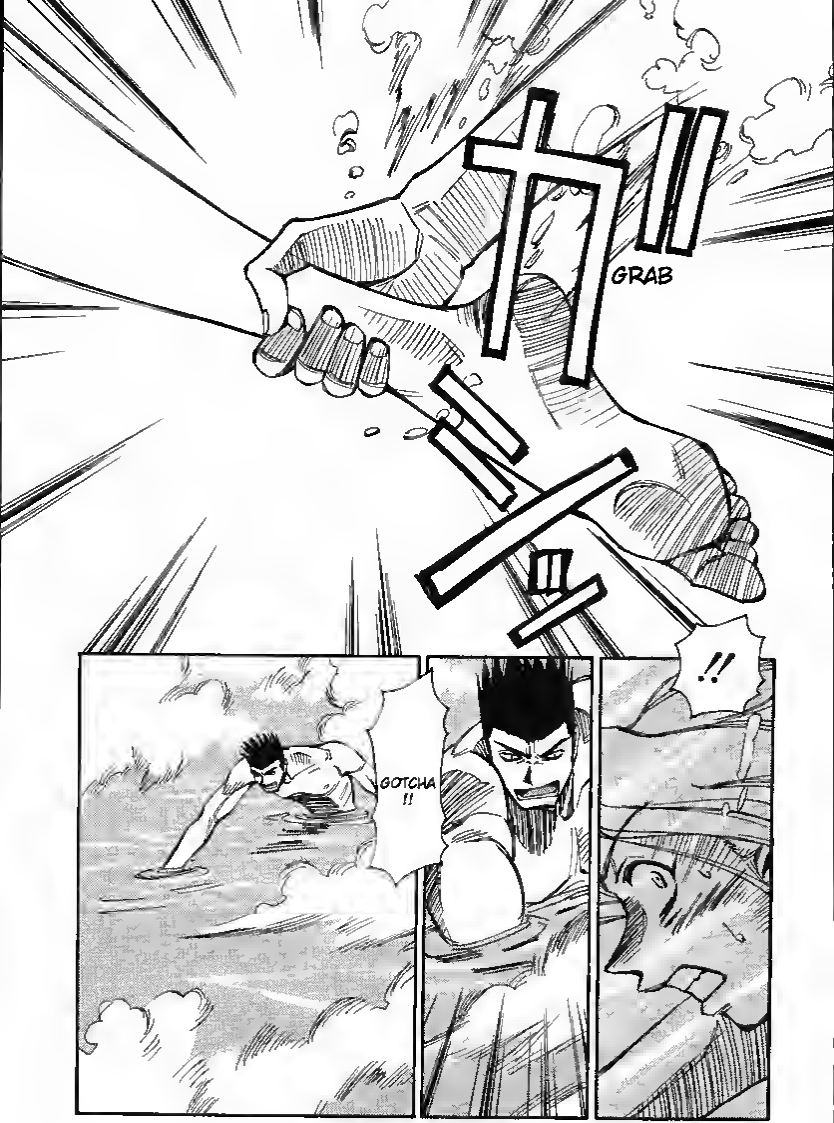
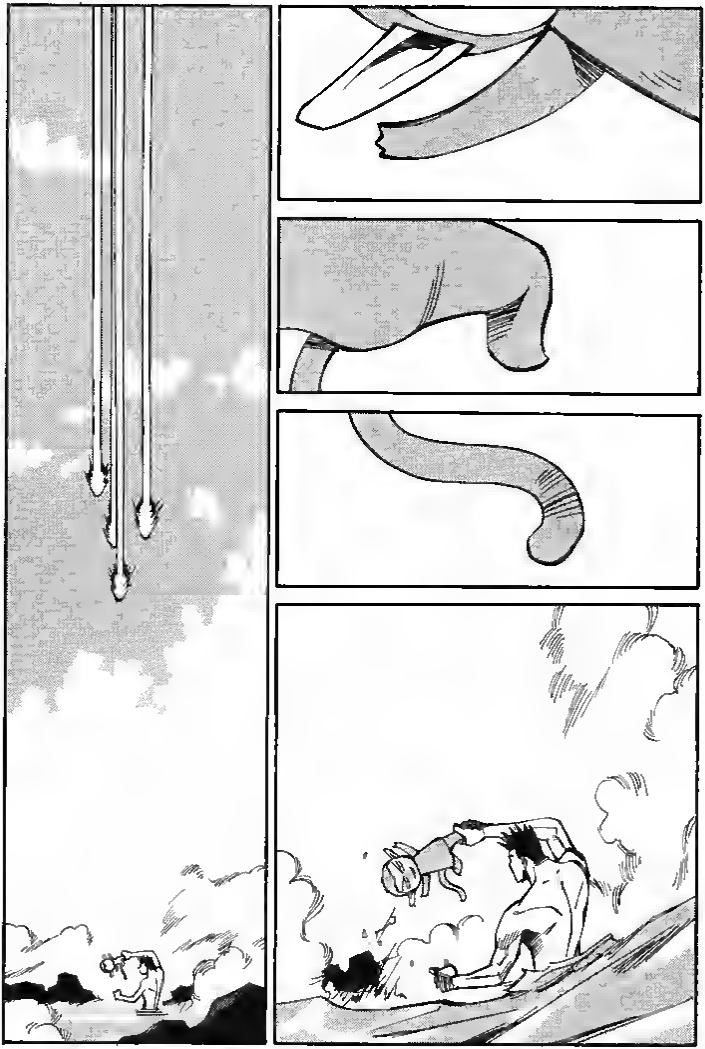
HOW DARE YOU... ...!!


GRAB
GOTCHA !!
!!

I'M NOT EVEN WEARING UNDER-WEAR!!
I AM COM-PLETELY NAKED!!
FOR-GIVE ME!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY AREN'T YOU RESISTING?
THERE IS NOTHING .....
WAIT, ISN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE?
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
WAIT, THERE IS STILL SOMETHING THAT I CAN DO!!
SHOW ME YOU'RE TRUE IDENTITY!!
RING OF TRANS-FORMA-TION, ON MY FINGER!!



HUH?
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カアッ
ドオン
BOOM
シュオオオオ
SFX: FSSHHH
SFX: SPLASH

CELCIA HAS GONE MISSING!?
WHAT!?
SFX FSSHHH
IT LOOKS TROUBLED
CELCIA-SAN,
I WILL PRETEND THAT NOTHING HAPPENED
KYE!
BUT I DID FIND THIS MONKEY WITH SPELL FRAGMENTS ON ITS BACK IN THE MEN'S HOT SPRING

Making of #41

SEKI TOMOKAZU WILL BE DUBBING JUNPEI. BEFORE THAT, YOSHITOMI WONDERED IF HE COULD DRAW SOMETHING FEATURING MONKEYS AND A HOT SPRING.

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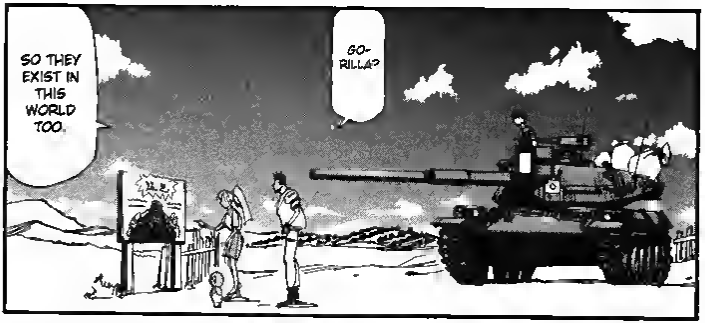
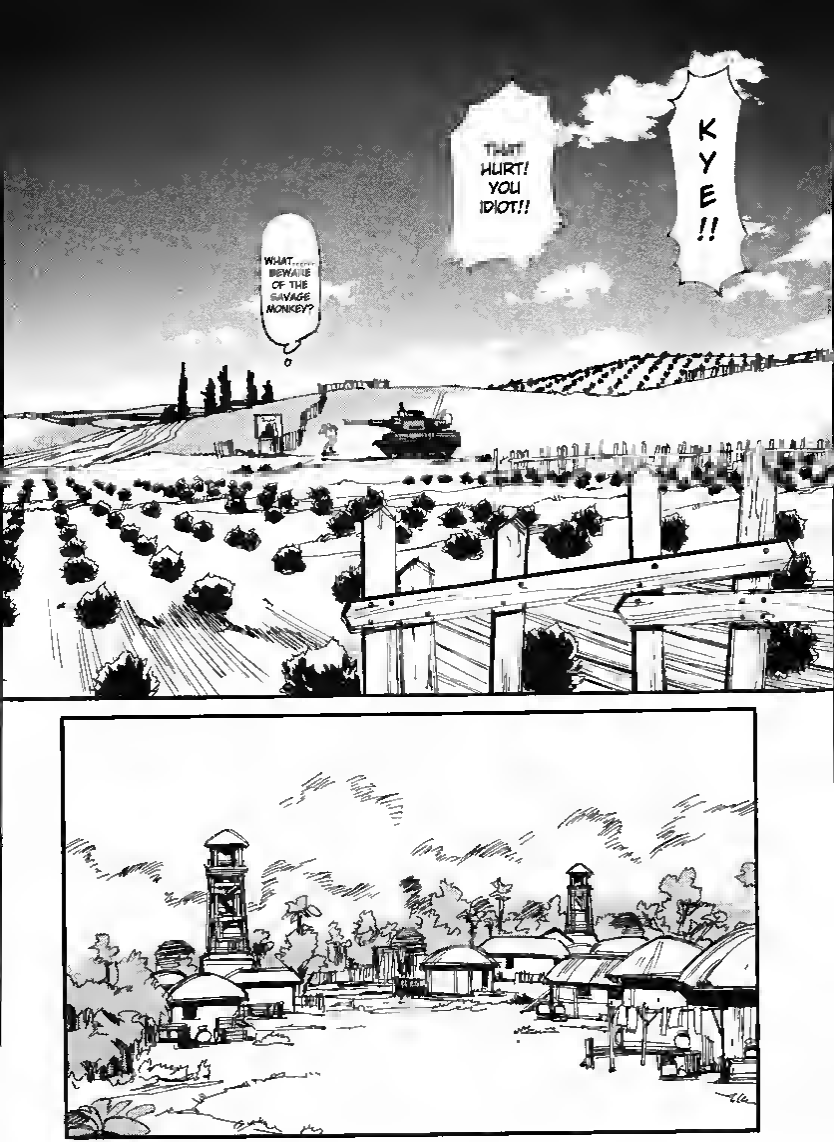
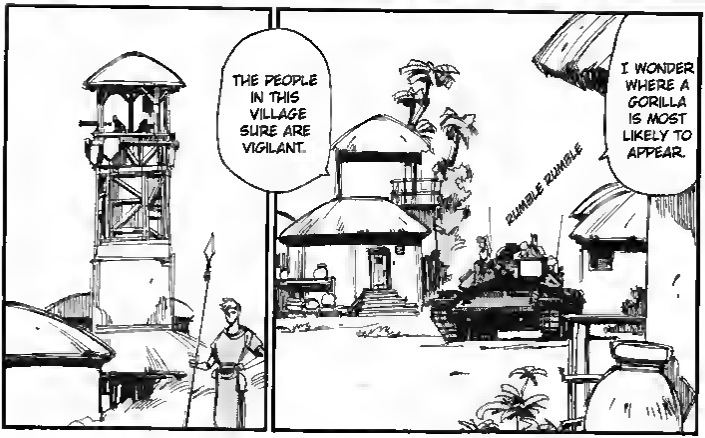
WARNING!!
"BEWARE OF THE SAVAGE GORILLA"!!


SO THEY EXIST IN THIS WORLD TOO.
GO-RILLA?

HE'S YOUR COMRADE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING ATTACKED, CELCIA.
IS IT AN ANIMAL WITH SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH THAT CAN DESTROY AND THROW ANYTHING
WHAT'S A GORILLA?
SFX: HAHAHA


KYE!!
THAT HURT! YOU IDIOT!!
WHAT..... BEWARE OF THE SAVAGE MONKEY?

#42 THOSE WHO HUNT GORILLAS



BY CHANCE, DID YOU GUYS COME HERE TO GET RID OF THE GORILLA?
AMAZING, AN IRON CHARIOT!!
I THINK YOU'RE IN THE WRONG VILLAGE.....
HMM.....
ELVES?
NO, WE ARE HERE TO HUNT FOR ELVES, NOT GORILLAS!!
.....EH?
I SAW AN ANIMAL PROGRAM ONE TIME IN JAPAN, IT SAID THAT THE GORILLA IS THE GENTLEMAN OF THE FOREST.
YOU'LL BE FINE, CELCIA-SAN.
WELL ...
CELCIA, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE GORILLA?
LET'S GO TO THE NEXT VILLAGE!!
HEY, THEY SAID THERE'S NO ELVES HERE!

IN A MOVIE, I SAW IT EATING HUMANS
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KING KONG?
THAT'S A MOVIE
IN REALITY, THE GORILLA IS A REALLY GENTLE ANIMAL THAT IS A VEGETARIAN!!
I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE YOU.
I DON'T THINK A GORILLA IS A GENTLE-MAN
YOU WOULD UNDER-STAND IF YOU ACTUALLY SAW IT ...
THE GORILLA HAS COME!!
GREAT TIMING!!

KYEOOGA!!
CRACKLING
CRACK!
AH!?

SFX: THUD THUD THUD
AHH! MY HOUSE!!
HEY, WHAT ABOUT OUR MORTGAGE!?
GA AAH HH!
SMASH
SNAP
WHACK
SMACK
OUGAH, OUGAH!!
AAH!
GAAH!
THIS IS WHY I HATE FANTASY STORIES ...
YOU SAID HE WAS A GENTLE-MAN!!

I DON'T THINK KARATE WILL WORK ON THIS GUY.
HE'S DESTROYING THE VILLAGE!!
SFX SMASH
I'LL BE THE INTERPRETER!!
IT SEEMS THAT WAY!
CELCIA! IT'S YOUR TURN!!
MEOW ?
I DOUBT EVEN THE TANK WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THAT MONSTER....
SMACK
PLEASE, STOP IT...
YOU REALLY ARE A STUPID MONKEY!!
WHAT!?
BAM
I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE GORILLA'S LANGUAGE!!
!!

IT STOPPED
THE GO-RILLA
HUH?
.....

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……
SFX: STARTLE
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
HEY……!!
RIT-CHAN! AIR!!!
……
IT MUST THINK SHE'S ONE OF HIS COMRADES!!
CELCIA-SAN!!
HEY! PUT ME DOWN!!
……

YOU BASTARD!! DON'T ASSOCIATE ME WITH THAT MONKEY!!
OOPS
WHAT WAS THAT !?
!?
IT THINKS WE'RE ITS COMRADES!!
DON'T TALK TO ME!!
THUD..
IT'S TAKING US AWAY
JUNPEI !!
WHAT .....
.....
SHUT UP!!
K Y E !!

WHAT A GENTLE HAND.....
THUD...
THUD...
RUMBLE
SILENCE
THUD
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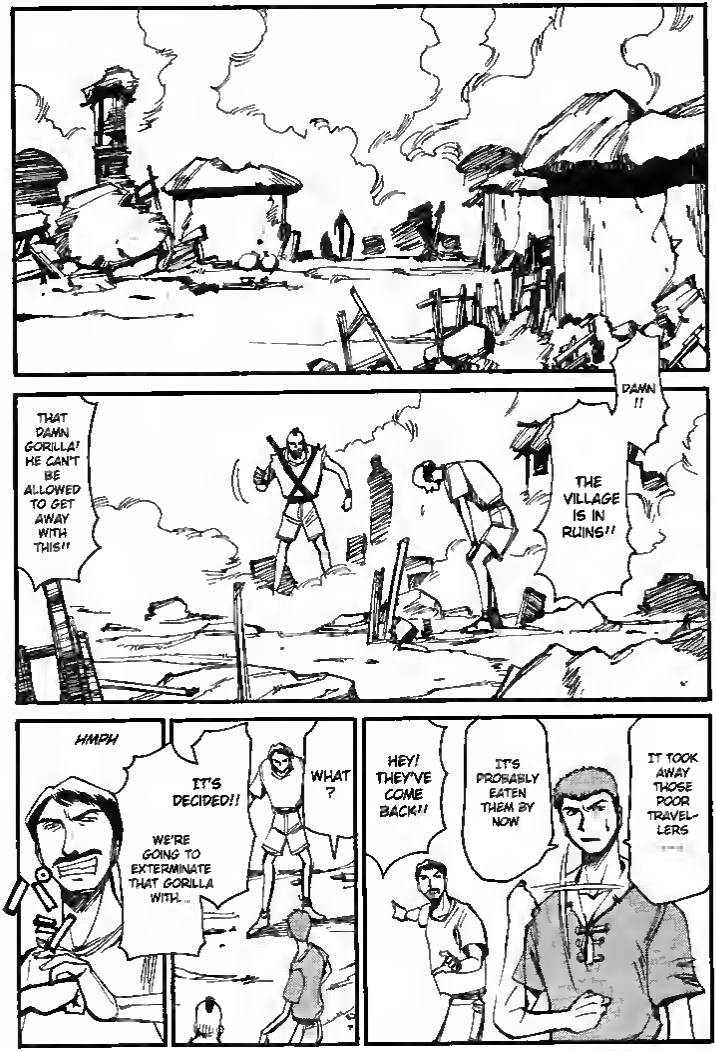
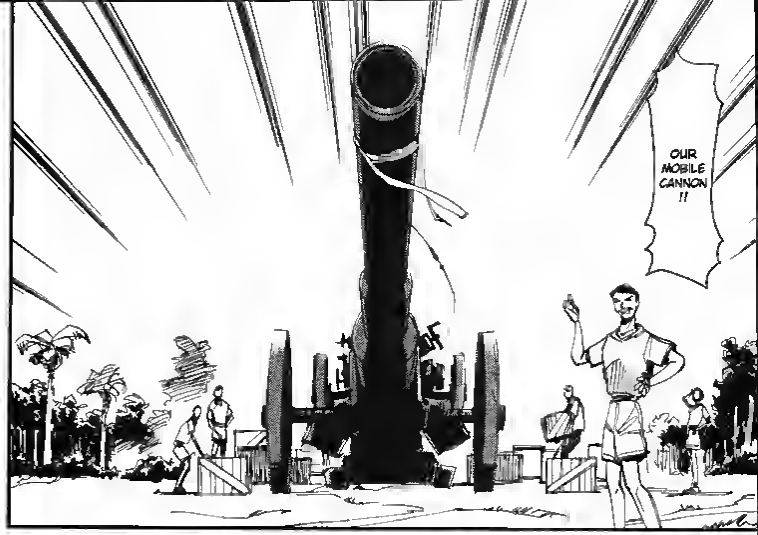
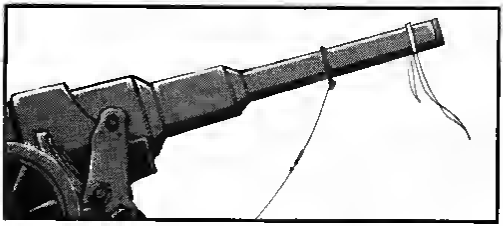
MEOW!
MEOW!
UMM!!
MEOW!!

SFX RUMBLE

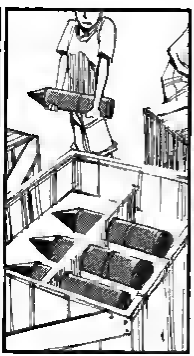

DAMN !!
THE VILLAGE IS IN RUINS!!
THAT DAMN GORILLA! HE CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS!!
HMPH
IT'S DECIDED!!
WE'RE GOING TO EXTERMINATE THAT GORILLA WITH...
WHAT ?
HEY! THEY'VE COME BACK!!
IT'S PROBABLY EATEN THEM BY NOW
IT TOOK AWAY THOSE POOR TRAVELLERS
SFX CRACK

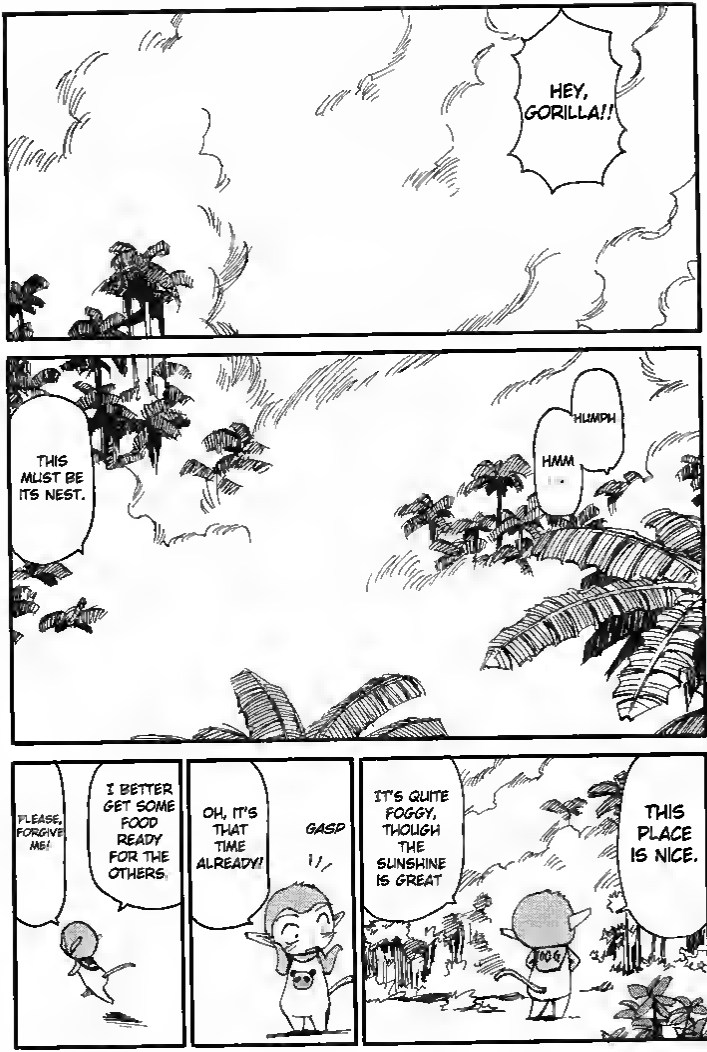

OUR MOBILE CANNON !!



OOHH !!

THIS TIME IT STANDS NO CHANCE!!
MEHEHE
...WE'LL WIN!!




HEY, GORILLA!!
HUMPH
HMM
THIS MUST BE ITS NEST.
I BETTER GET SOME FOOD READY FOR THE OTHERS.
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME!
OH, IT'S THAT TIME ALREADY!
GASP
IT'S QUITE FOGGY, THOUGH THE SUNSHINE IS GREAT
THIS PLACE IS NICE.

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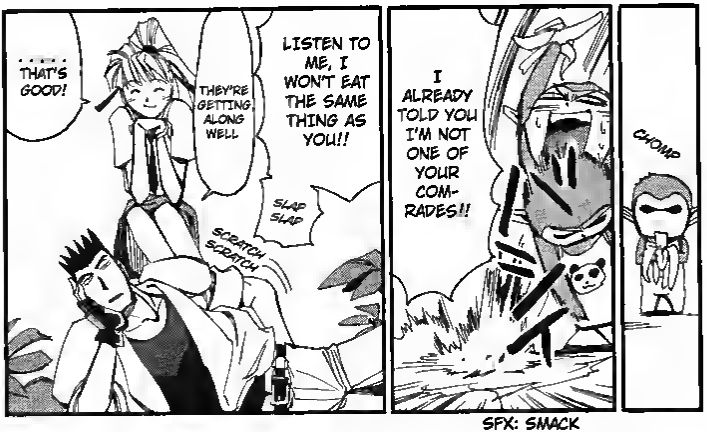
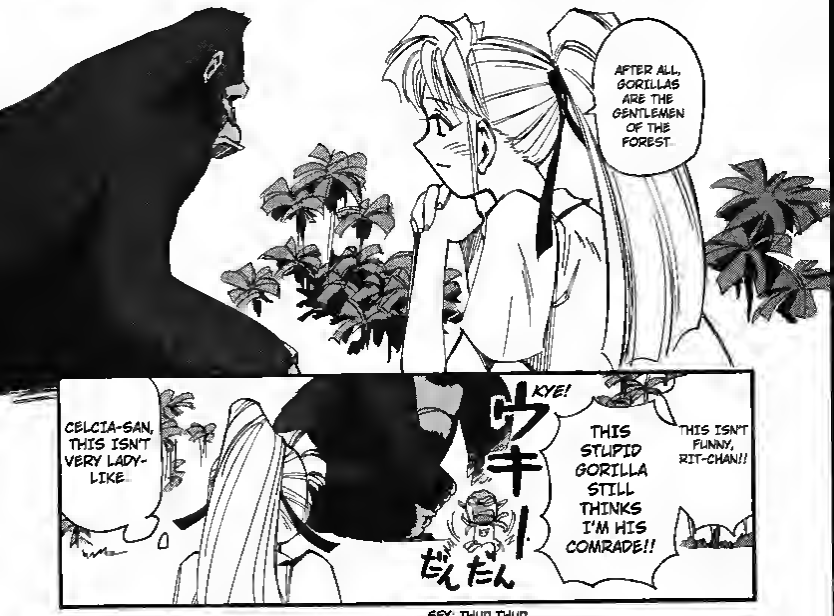
SFX: THUD
AH!! WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LET US LEAVE THIS PLACE!?
.....
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU THAT I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR COMRADES!!
AHH HH
I'M ACTUALLY AN ELF!!
THIS IS ME!!
SFX SCREECH
PLOP
OH MY, WHAT MAGNIFICENT BANANAS!
I'LL HAVE ONE
ACTUALLY, MY STOMACH IS GROWLING
PEEL PEEL


THAT'S GOOD!
THEY'RE GETTING ALONG WELL
LISTEN TO ME, I WON'T EAT THE SAME THING AS YOU!!
SLAP SLAP
SCRATCH SCRATCH
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I'M NOT ONE OF YOUR COM-RADES!!
CHOMP
SFX: SMACK


AFTER ALL, GORILLAS ARE THE GENTLEMEN OF THE FOREST.
CELCIA-SAN, THIS ISN'T VERY LADY-LIKE.
KYE!
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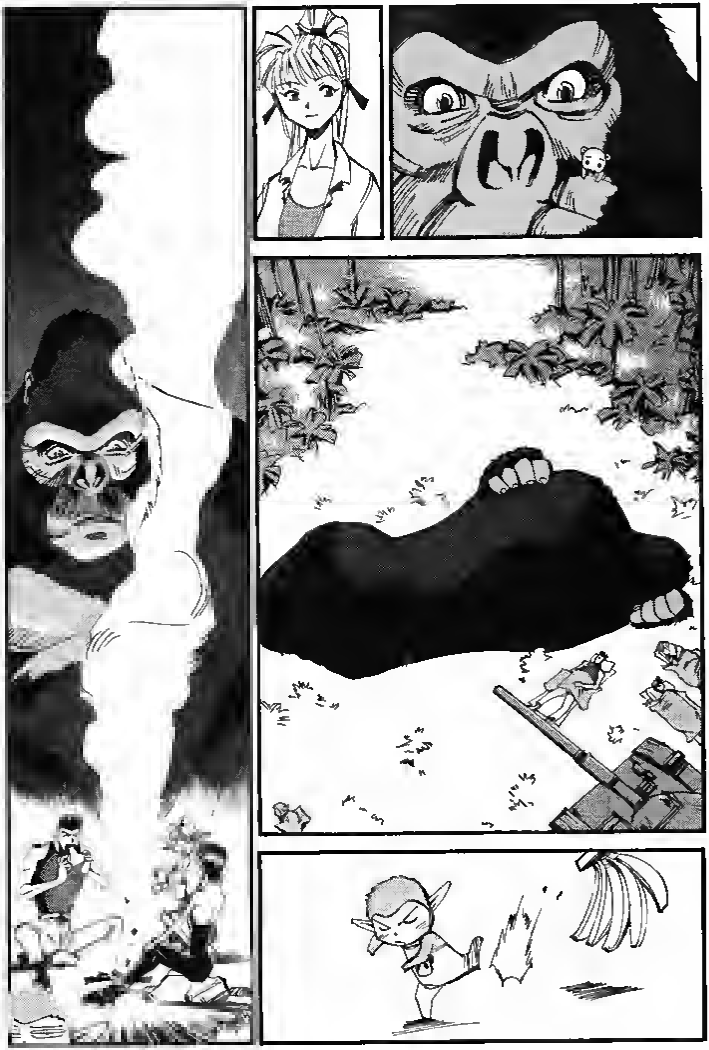
THIS STUPID GORILLA STILL THINKS I'M HIS COMRADE!!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY, RIT-CHAN!!
SFX: THUD THUD

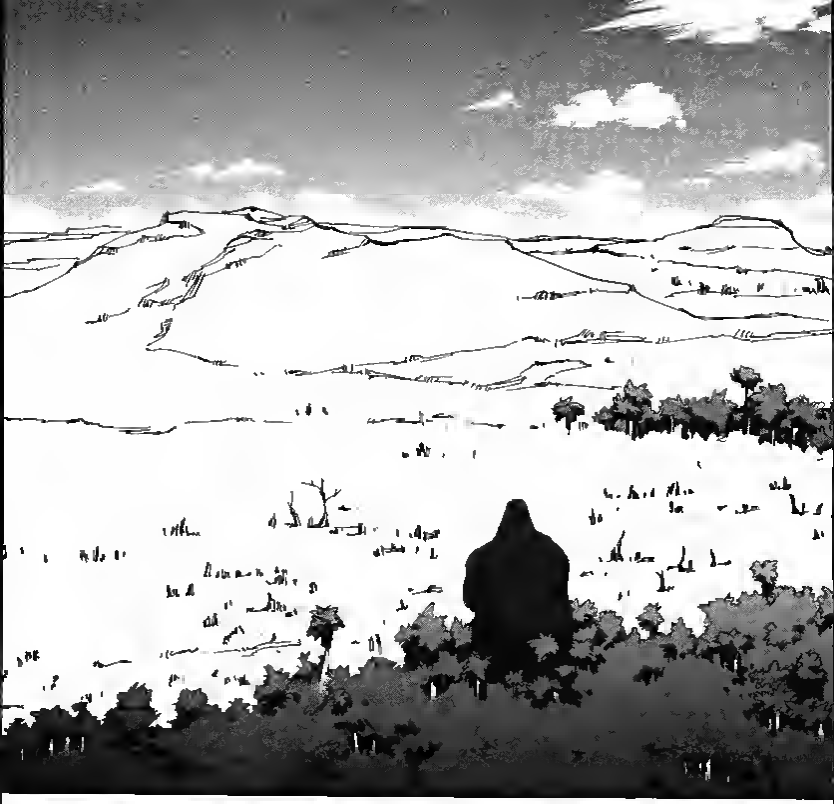
BUT,
I DON'T THINK BEING FORCIBLY HELD IN THIS PLACE AGAINST MY WILL
SFX PAT PAT
IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD GET THROUGH THIS FOG ANYWAY
WE COULD LEAVE USING THE POWER OF MIHKE
THEY CAN BE TAUGHT SIGN LANGUAGE, THEY CAN ALSO UNDERSTAND SIMPLE PHRASES
USING THESE TECHNIQUES, WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH IT
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
US AND THAT GORILLA...
WE'VE ALL GOT TO THINK OF SOME-THING
THINK?
ARE GORILLAS EVEN THAT SMART?
OF COURSE THEY ARE!!

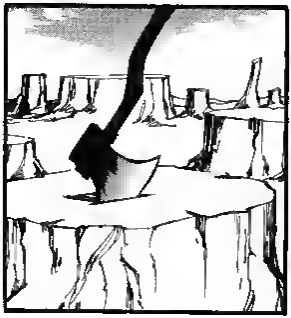
UHM
HEY, LET'S STAY WITH HIM FOR A WHILE
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
I ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHY THIS GORILLA IS SO ANGRY.

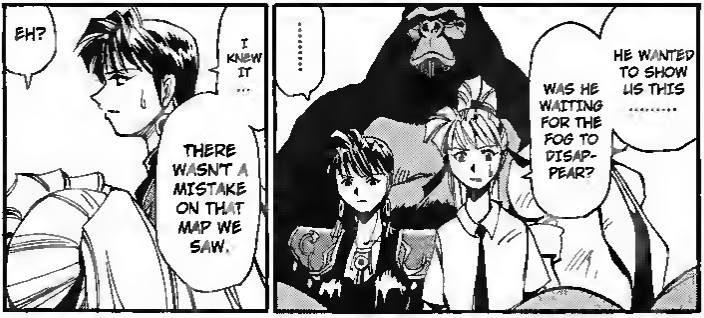


HEY!!
THE FOG IS DISSIPATING!!
THE FOREST IS SO GREEN AND VIVID!!
.....
WHAT?
IT DOESN'T HAVE A GENTLE LOOK ANYMORE...
!!
.....
AL-RIGHT!
!!
DOES HE WANT US TO GET ON?
SFX: THUD

WITH TODAY'S WEATHER, THIS VIEW IS ASTOUNDING
THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD SER-VICE!
WHOA!
!!
WHA.....!!





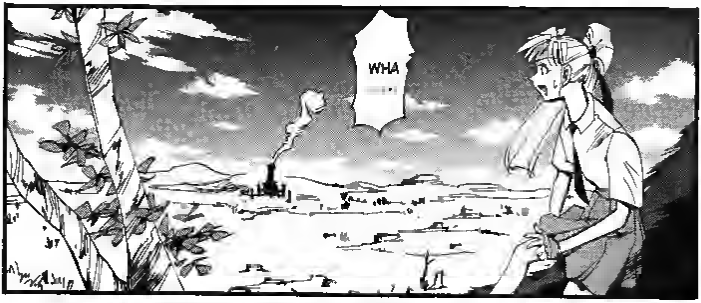

EH?
I KNEW IT ...
THERE WASN'T A MISTAKE ON THAT MAP WE SAW.
.....
HE WANTED TO SHOW US THIS .....
WAS HE WAITING FOR THE FOG TO DISAP-PEAR?

DO YOU REMEMBER?
BEFORE WE ARRIVED AT THE VILLAGE, THERE WAS OPEN LAND AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE.
!!
ACCORDING TO THAT OLD MAP, ALL THAT LAND WAS SUPPOSED TO BE COVERED IN FORESTS.
IF MY CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT, THAT MEANS ONLY 1/5 OF THE ORIGINAL AREA OF FORESTS IS STILL HERE.
ONE FIFTH.....
THIS IS WHY THE GORILLA IS ANGRY.
BUT NOW.....
HE'S NOT ANGRY, SINCE HE IS GUIDING US.....

.....
DO YOU WANT CONTACT WITH THOSE HUMANS?
YOU
OOG AH!

BOOM

SFX. CRASH
WE DID IT!!
WE TOOK DOWN THAT DIRTY GORILLA!!
NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO RESUME THE CULTIVATION OF THE FOREST!!


WHA

HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING!!

HOW COULD YOU...

I INVOKE THEE!!
ROOTS OF THE EARTH, USE YOUR POWERS TO PUNISH THESE DEMONIC BEINGS!
BZZZZ
CELCIA-SAN!!
HUH!?
WHAT!?

I INVOKE THE TREE SPIR-ITS!!
FRRRR
!?
SFX. FLASH

UWAAAA!
SFX SQUEEZE
AHH HH!!
SFX SMASH
GRR!
GAH HHH!
SFX RIP & CRACK
SOMEONE ..... HELP ME .....!!
AHH H!!

YOU HAH
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HEY, HEY!!
CELCIA!!
RIT-CHAN, I CAN'T STOP!!
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IT'S USELESS, CELCIA-SAN!!
JUST STOP IT!!
SFX: GRAB
I MUSTN'T STOP!!
AH
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SFX: SQUEEZE & CREAK

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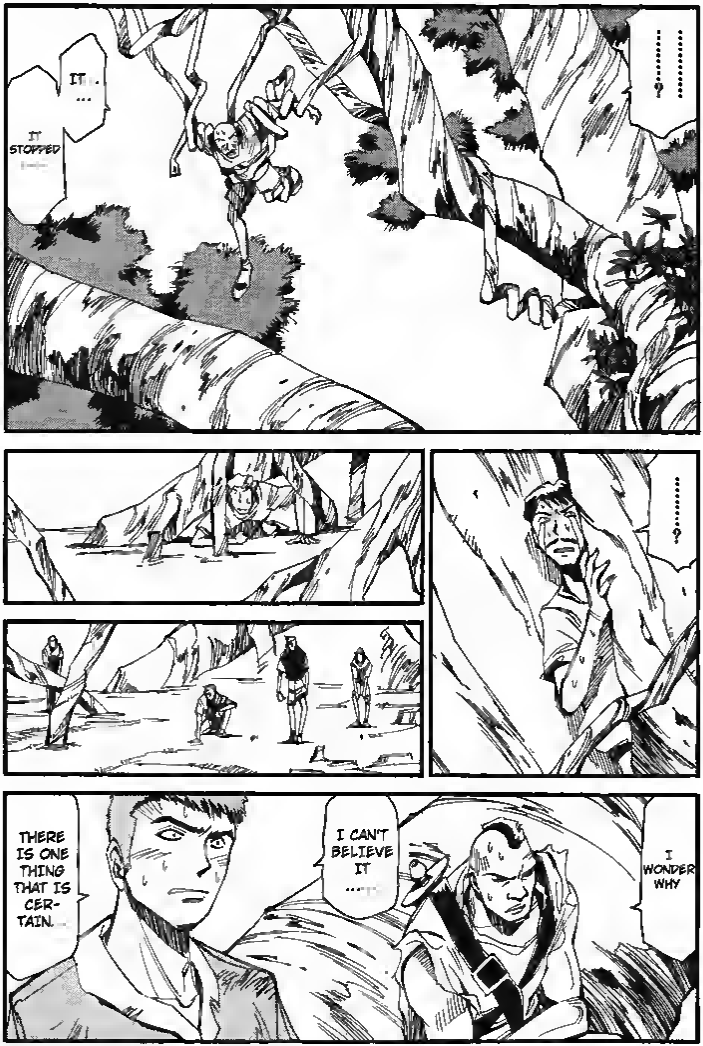
IT...
IT STOPPED
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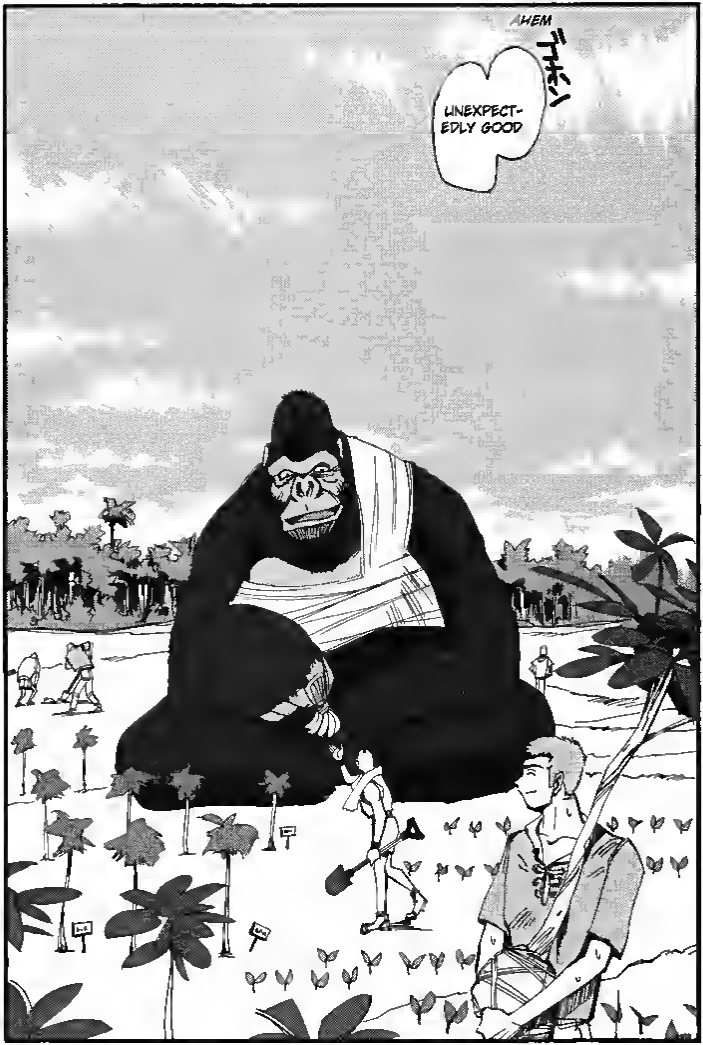
I WONDER WHY
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
THERE IS ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN.

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US WAS SPARED.

AND IT WAS THANKS TO THAT GORILLA

...THAT GORILLA
HE NOTICED SOMETHING WHEN HE FIRST MET CELCIA-SAN
HE SAW THAT IS WAS POSSIBLE TO LIVE WITH HUMANS.
RIGHT?
CELCIA-SAN! HOW DOES THE BANANA TASTE?
!!
SNICKER
I GUESS SO.
CELCIA IS THE PERFECT EXAMPLE FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE
YEAH, HE SAW SHE WAS A MONKEY ON THE OUTSIDE AND AN ELF ON THE INSIDE.
PAT PAT
MUNCH MUNCH
HEHEHE.....


AHEM
UNEXPECT-
EDLY GOOD

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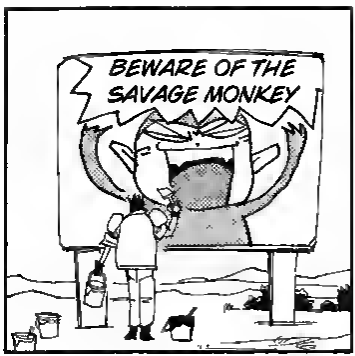
I WANTED TO GO TO THE ZOO AND GET SOME INFORMATION, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME. SO I DECIDED TO WATCH A MOVIE THREE TIMES.



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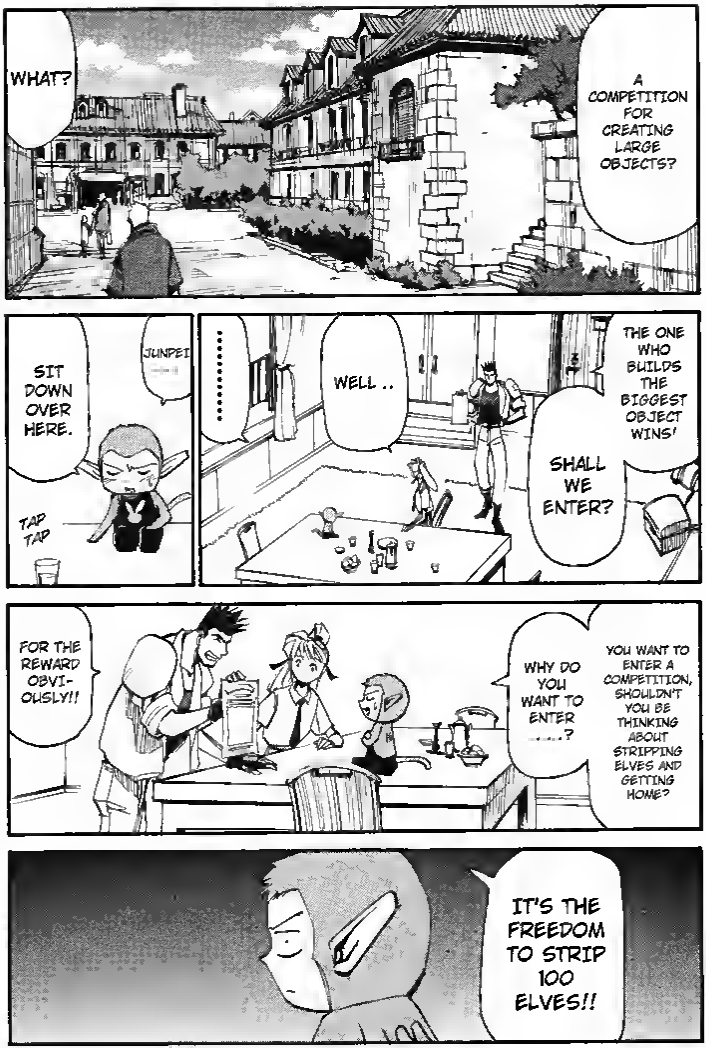
WHAT?
A COMPETITION FOR CREATING LARGE OBJECTS?
JUNPEI
SIT DOWN OVER HERE.
TAP TAP
WELL ..
THE ONE WHO BUILDS THE BIGGEST OBJECT WINS!
SHALL WE ENTER?
FOR THE REWARD OBVIOUSLY!!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO ENTER ....?
YOU WANT TO ENTER A COMPETITION, SHOULDN'T YOU BE THINKING ABOUT STRIPPING ELVES AND GETTING HOME?
IT'S THE FREEDOM TO STRIP 100 ELVES!!

LET'S GET STARTED!!
VICTORY
THANK YOU FOR WAITING!
THIS IS THE COMPETI-TION FOR CREATING HUGE OBJECTS!

#43 THE BIGGER THE BETTER?

ON COM-MENTARY IS ME, MULLER NEUMANN!!
LET'S GET THE FIRST ROUND OF THE COMPETITION STARTED!!
I WONDER WHAT HUGE OBJECTS THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BUILD WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT?
THE WINNING TEAM WILL HAVE THE HONOUR OF SEEING THEM ALL NAKED!!
IT'S THE 100 BEAUTIFUL ELVES!!
ALRIGHT! LOOK OVER THERE!
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LET ME INTRODUCE YOU ONCE AGAIN TO THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS!!

FIRST, THE CONSTRUCTION GUILD TEAM!
THEY AREN'T THE NUMBER ONE CANDIDATE FOR NO REASON!!
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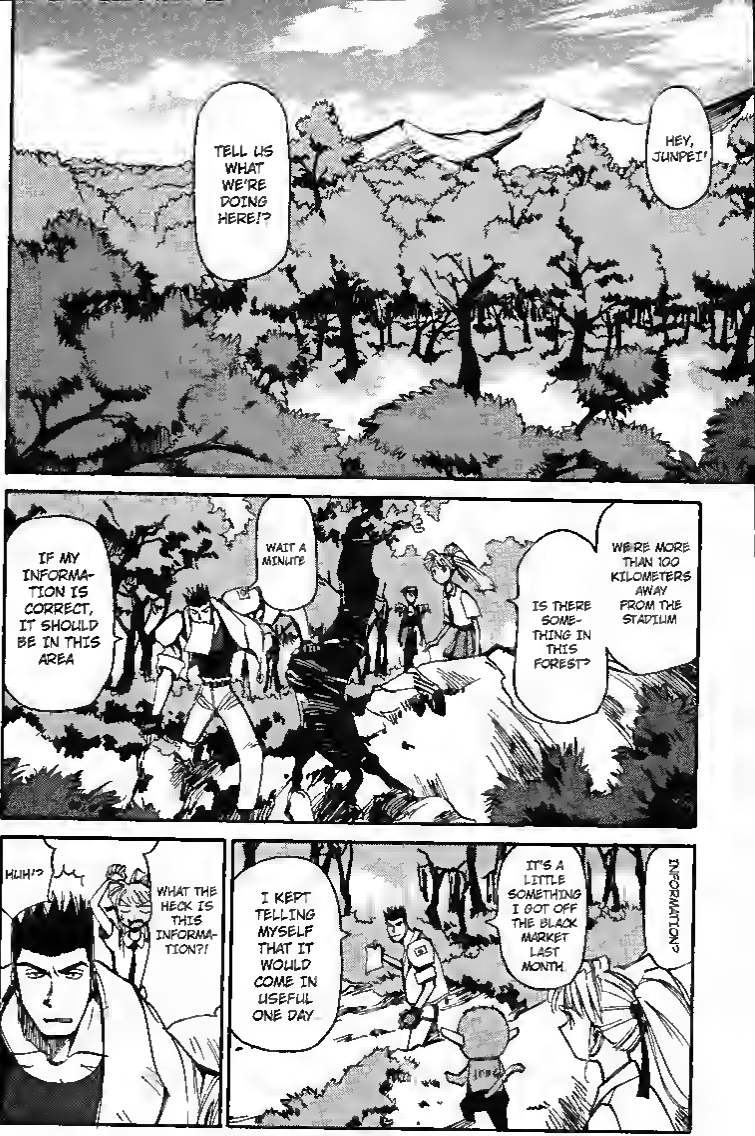
THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO BUILD THE SUPPORT OF A CASTLE!!
NOW, BEHOLD!!
LIDA-SAN, THIS MAGICIAN IS 98 YEARS OLD AND WILL BE GOING IT ALONE!!
WITH A SIMPLE SPELL HE WILL TRANSFORM THE SMALL DOLL WHICH HE CREATED INTO A GIANT!!
MIDAIZIK
WILL HE WIN WITH HIS MAGIC!?

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION!!
HOW THEY DO IT REMAINS A MYSTERY.
WITH TOTAL CONCENTRATION, THEY WILL ASSEMBLE PARTS WITH FABRICS!
NEXT TO HIM,
WHAT COULD GO WRONG WHEN A MAN SEWS!? IT'S THE SEWING TEAM!!
SFX CHEERING
IT SEEMS A TEAM HAS REGISTERED AT THE LAST MINUTE! THEY ARE...
TEAM THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES!
UM!
ROLLING
WHAT THE .....

IT SEEMS THEY HAVE GONE SOMEWHERE AND LEFT A SMALL ANIMAL BEHIND!!
WHAT IS THAT THING!?
BUT IT'S SO CUTE!!
SFX: HAHAHA
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?
MR GORDON ON COMMENTARY, YOU'RE A CRITIC ON OBJECTS.
WELL, IT'S TOO EARLY TO TELL!!
THEY REGISTERED REALLY QUICKLY, SO THEY'VE PROBABLY GONE OFF TO LOOK FOR SUPPLIES.....
HMPH
WE CAN ONLY SIT BACK AND LAUGH AT WHAT KIND OF OBJECT THEY WILL BUILD
I JUST WONDER WHERE THEY'VE GONE OFF TO..
THEY WILL BE LAST FOR SURE!
IT MAY BE HARSH
BUT THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES ARE SURELY AT A DISADVANTAGE

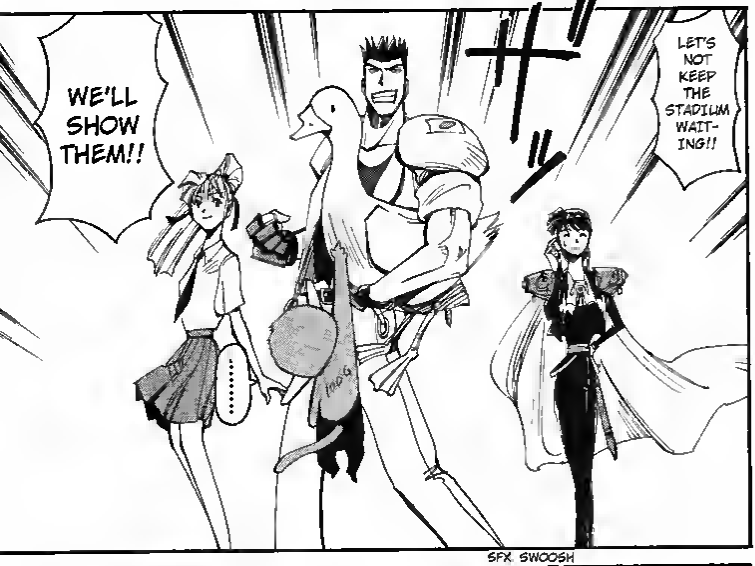

HEY, JUNPEI!
TELL US WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE!?
WE'RE MORE THAN 100 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE STADIUM
IS THERE SOMETHING IN THIS FOREST?
WAIT A MINUTE
IF MY INFORMATION IS CORRECT, IT SHOULD BE IN THIS AREA
INFORMATION?
IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I GOT OFF THE BLACK MARKET LAST MONTH
I KEPT TELLING MYSELF THAT IT WOULD COME IN USEFUL ONE DAY
HUH!?
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS INFORMATION?!

A TREE
IT'S SHIN-ING!!
SHINE
SWOOSH
IF WE GET OUR HANDS ON IT
VICTORY WILL BE OURS!!
SFX WHACK
I-IT'S
!!
SFX SMACK

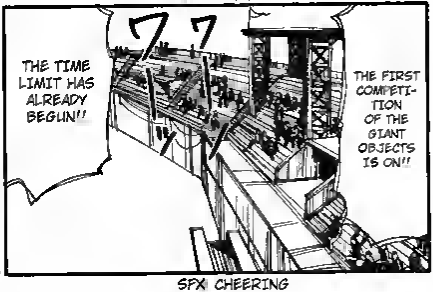
HONK
HONK
A GOOSE !?
DON'T TELL ME .....
AND IT'S GOLDEN!
TOUCH IT AND FIND OUT!!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER CELCIA, THEN..
WHY WAS A GOOSE INSIDE A TREE?
?
?

TOUCH IT...
LIKE THIS?
TOUCH
CHUCKLE
EH?
W/
EH?
HUH?
I...
I CAN'T REMOVE MY HAND!!
SFX: TENSION
JUNPEI! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
HONK
I'LL EX-PLAIN IT
I ONLY KNOW WHAT I'VE READ IN JAPAN.....
CLING
STRUGGLE

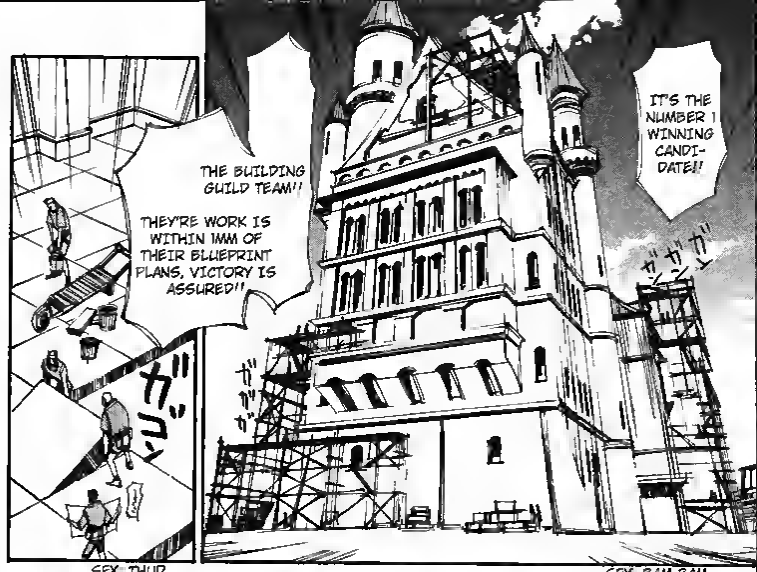
THE GOLDEN GOOSE!!
OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH IT, EVERY ONE OF THEM COULDN'T REMOVE THEIR HANDS, IT WAS LIKE SUPERGLUE.
I SEE! SO THIS IS THE REASON JINPEI WANTED TO FIND IT!!
GOLDEN GOOSE !!



SFX SWOOSH



SFX CHEERING


IT'S THE NUMBER 1 WINNING CANDI-DATE!!
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THE BUILDING GUILD TEAM!!
THEY'RE WORK IS WITHIN 1MM OF THEIR BLUEPRINT PLANS, VICTORY IS ASSURED!!
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SFX. THUD
SFX. BAM BAM

ΑΒΓΔΕΖΗΘΙΚ
AND BEHIND THEM IS THE 98 YEAR OLD MAGICIAN, UDA-SAN!!

DOES HE REALLY WANT TO LOOK AT NAKED ELVES DESPITE HIS AGE!?
ΖΙΕΔΒΒ
HE CONTINUES TO DESPERATELY CAST HIS MAGIC!!
FSSHHH

THEIR SECRET WEAPONS ARE BEING REVEALED SINCE THE COMPETITION IS ENDING . . .
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SEWING TEAM HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK!!
SFX: FSSHHH
IT'S A HOT AIR BALLOON!!
WITH THIS DRAMATIC TURNAROUND THEIR HOPES OF WINNING HAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASED!!

GORDON-SAN, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE BATTLE!
YES, THIS IS A GOOD THING.
HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES ARE AN EYESORE!
ANNOYED
THAT LITTLE PET THEY HAVE IS JUST ROLLING ALL OVER THE PLACE.
UMI!
ROLLING
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS?
PERSONALLY I FIND IT CUTE AND IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.....
YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T AN ANIMAL CONTEST...
I CAN'T STAND THIS!! I'LL GO AND GET THE REFEREE!!
AH, WAIT A SECOND
!!/
.....

SFX CLATTER

HUH?
STAFF
?
.....?
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WHA
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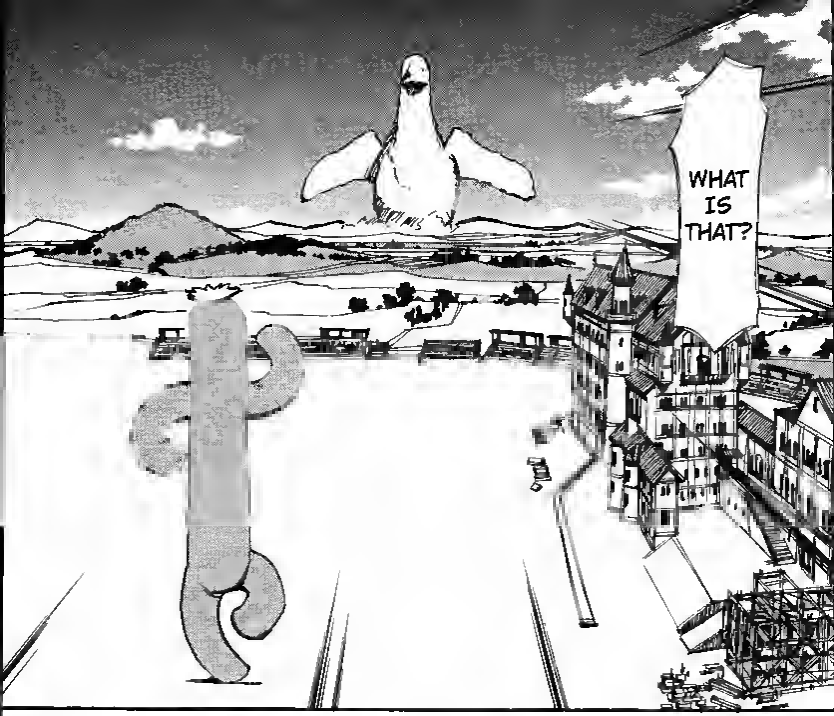
.....!?
WHOA!!
CHATTER
EH?
LOOK AT THAT
.....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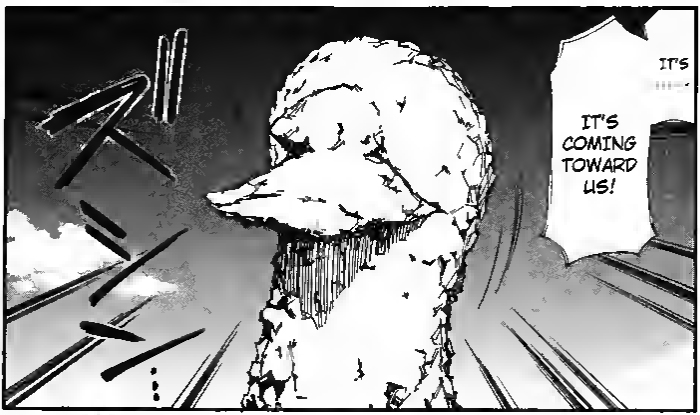
IT'S.....
IT'S COMING TOWARD US!
SFX: TA-DAH.

IT'S A HUGE GOOSE!!
THIS...
I JUST RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION!!
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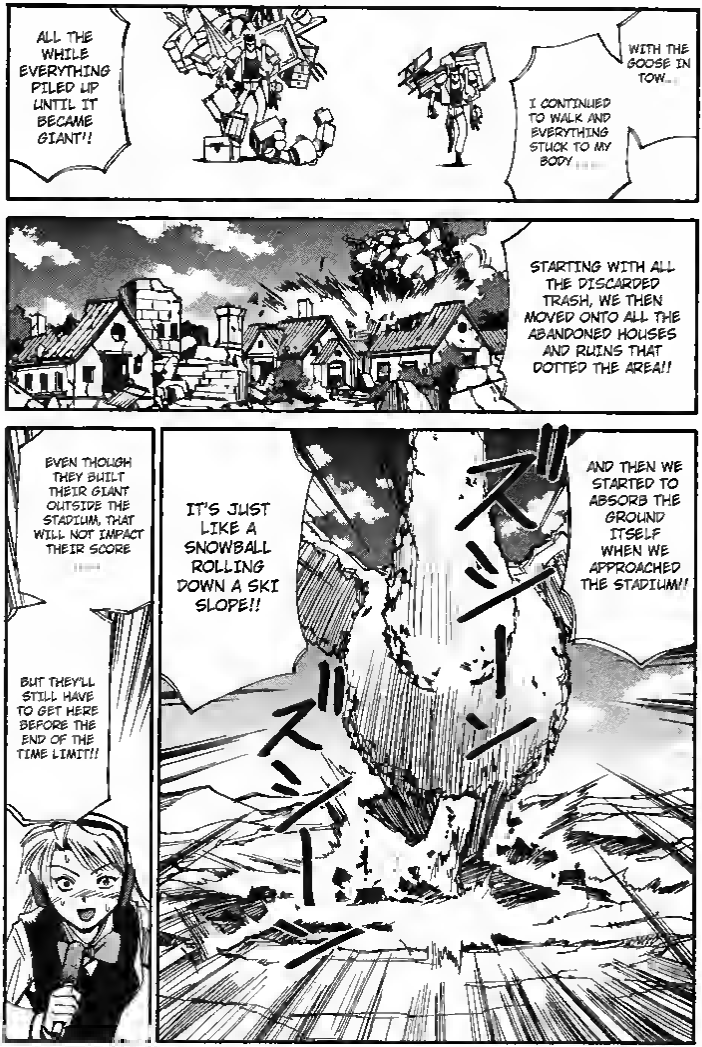
IT LOOKS LIKE A COLLECTION OF RANDOM OBJECTS

...SEEMS TO BE THE WORK OF THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES!!
TA-DAH
JUNPEI RYUZOJI IS HERE!!
THE 100 ELVES WILL BE MINE!!
HONK
SFX: HAHAHA


ALL THE WHILE EVERYTHING PILED UP UNTIL IT BECAME GIANT!!
I CONTINUED TO WALK AND EVERYTHING STUCK TO MY BODY...
WITH THE GOOSE IN TOW...
STARTING WITH ALL THE DISCARDED TRASH, WE THEN MOVED ONTO ALL THE ABANDONED HOUSES AND RUINS THAT DOTTED THE AREA!!
EVEN THOUGH THEY BUILT THEIR GIANT OUTSIDE THE STADIUM, THAT WILL NOT IMPACT THEIR SCORE...
BUT THEY'LL STILL HAVE TO GET HERE BEFORE THE END OF THE TIME LIMIT!!
IT'S JUST LIKE A SNOWBALL ROLLING DOWN A SKI SLOPE!!
AND THEN WE STARTED TO ABSORB THE GROUND ITSELF WHEN WE APPROACHED THE STADIUM!!
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ズシーン
SFX THUD THUD

THIS WILL BE A SPEC-TACULAR VICTORY!!
THUD
RUMBLE

SFX: CHEERING

YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABSORBED!!
I KNOW!
RITSUKO, GET AWAY FROM HERE!!
JUNPEI HURRY!!
THE TIME LIMIT
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キュラキュラキュラ
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
IT'S MOVING... BUT WE'VE JUST ACCELERATED ITS GROWTH RATE
SFX. RUMBLE
SFX. RUMBLE

I WONDER HOW MUCH MORE IT WILL GROW.

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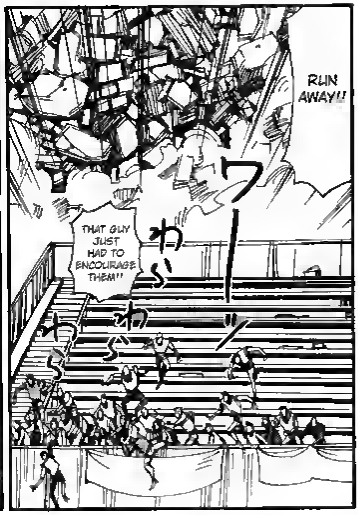
THERE'S ONLY 1 MINUTE REMAINING! WILL THEY MAKE IT IN TIME?
THE CLOSER THEY GET TO HERE...
THERE'S NO TELLING HOW BIG IT'S GOING TO GET!!
SFX RUMBLE
IT'S... IT'S...
WHOA...
ISN'T IT BIG ENOUGH?
H-HEY...
.....

WHERE'S THE OTHER COMMENTER?
EVERY-ONE, PLEASE CALM DOWN!!


RUN AWAY!!
THAT GUY JUST HAD TO ENCOURAGE THEM!!
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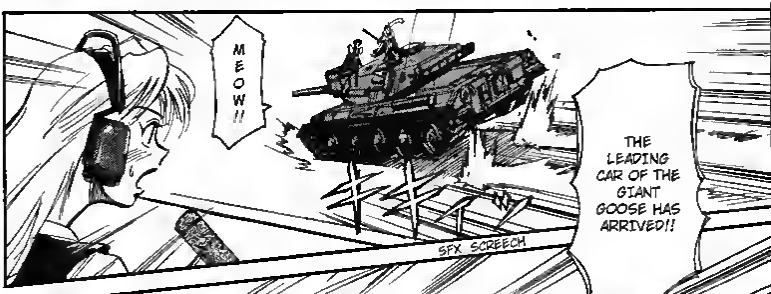
HE WASN'T A GOOD COMMENTATOR ANYWAY, I HAD THE FEELING HE'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
TAP TAP
AH! HE RAN AWAY!! THE OTHER COMMEN-TATOR RAN AWAY!!


MEOW!!
SFX SCREECH
THE LEADING CAR OF THE GIANT GOOSE HAS ARRIVED!!

ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR THE GIANT GOOSE!!

THE REFEREE HAS HIS EYE ON THE CLOCK!!
ALL THE OTHER TEAMS HAVE CONTINUED TO FIGHT UNTIL THE END!!
THERE'S 3 SECONDS REMAINING!!
JUNPEI! HURRY!!
NO MATTER WHAT, I WILL STRIP THOSE ELVES!!
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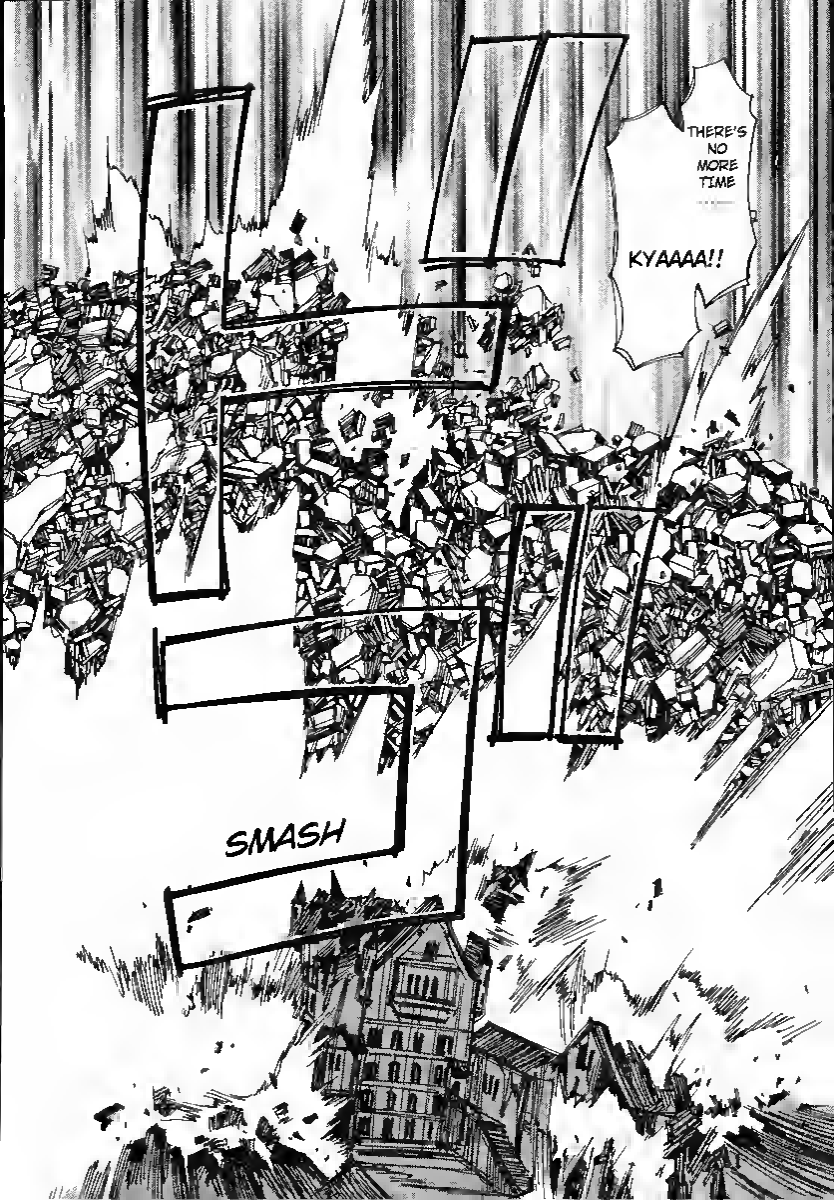
SWOOSH

IT...
...
IT CAN FLY!!


THERE'S NO MORE TIME
KYAAAA!!
SMASH

LIWAA AA!!
GUWA AA!!
SFX: BAM
JUNPEI YOU IDIOT!!
SFX: SLAM
SFX: THUD
CRUSH
AHH!!

THE GIANT GOOSE COMPLETELY COLLAPSED!!
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HAS THE REFEREE REACHED A DECISION?
STAGGER
GRAB
カゴォ
STAFF

ンニゴオオ
SFX BRRRRRR

THE WIN-NERS!
THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES!!
ALRIGHT! THE VICTORY GOES TO THE GIANT GOOSE!!
WE DID IT! ♡
OH YEAH!!
SFX TA-DAH

OUHAAA
WE LOST...
CLAP CLAP
THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN HIGHLY EVALUATED!!
JUST AS THE GOOSE COLLAPSED, IT ARRIVED ON THE FIELD JUST AS THE GAME ENDED!
THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES WERE MAGNIFICENT!!
NOW LET'S GET ON WITH IT..
IT'S SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE
HUH?
WHERE'S THE GOLDEN GOOSE?
HE HE HE
IT'S TIME TO STRIP SOME ELVES!!
CRACK
バキ
SNAP
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ALRIGHT! LET'S GET STARTED WITH THE AWARD CEREMONY!♡
IT'S TIME!
I KNOW YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAIT-ING!!
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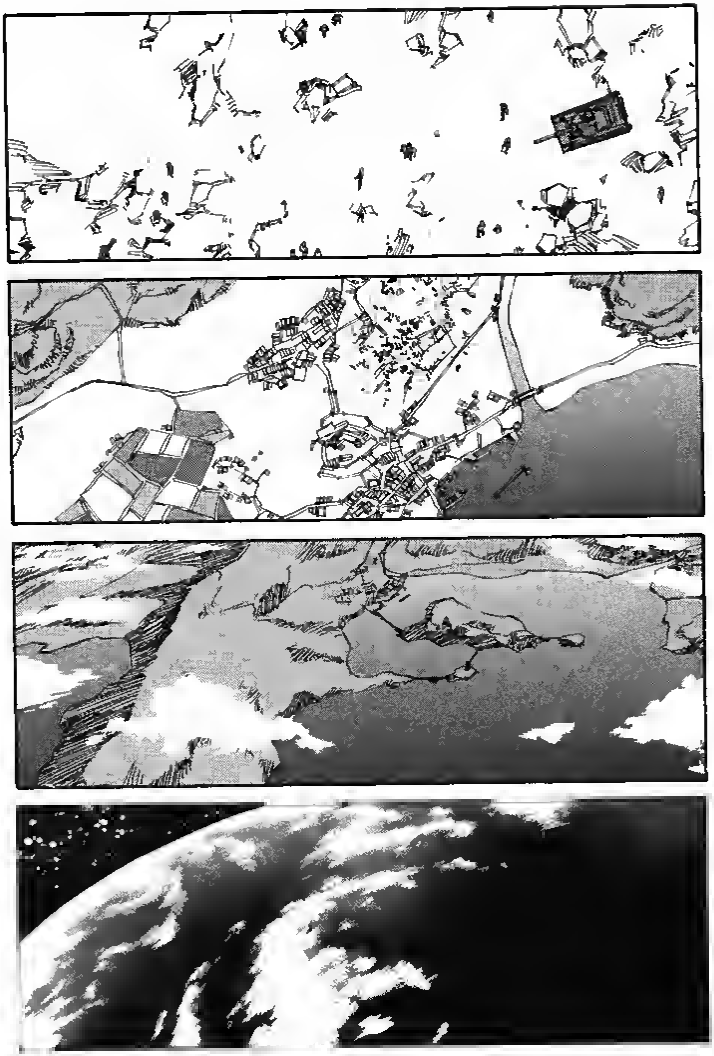
GO ON!
THE 100 ELVES ARE JUST WAITING FOR YOU .....
JUST LEAVE THEM TO ME!!
KIYAA !!
ガクン
AH!?
STAGGER
SFX: SHAKING
WHAT?
WHA.....
.....?

!?
!?
!?
AH?
.....
GRABBED
.....
H-HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
MY FOOT IS STUCK TO THE GROUND!!
ME TOO!
SAME HERE!!
MEOW!!

NO WAY .....



AHHH-HHH!!
THIS IS WHY I HATE FANTASY STORIES!!
HELP !!
I CAN'T MOVE !!
SOME ONE!!

I NEED TO GO TO THE TOILET!!
HONK
.....THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SUCH A HUGE OBJECT WAS CREATED IN THE TOURNAMENT .....

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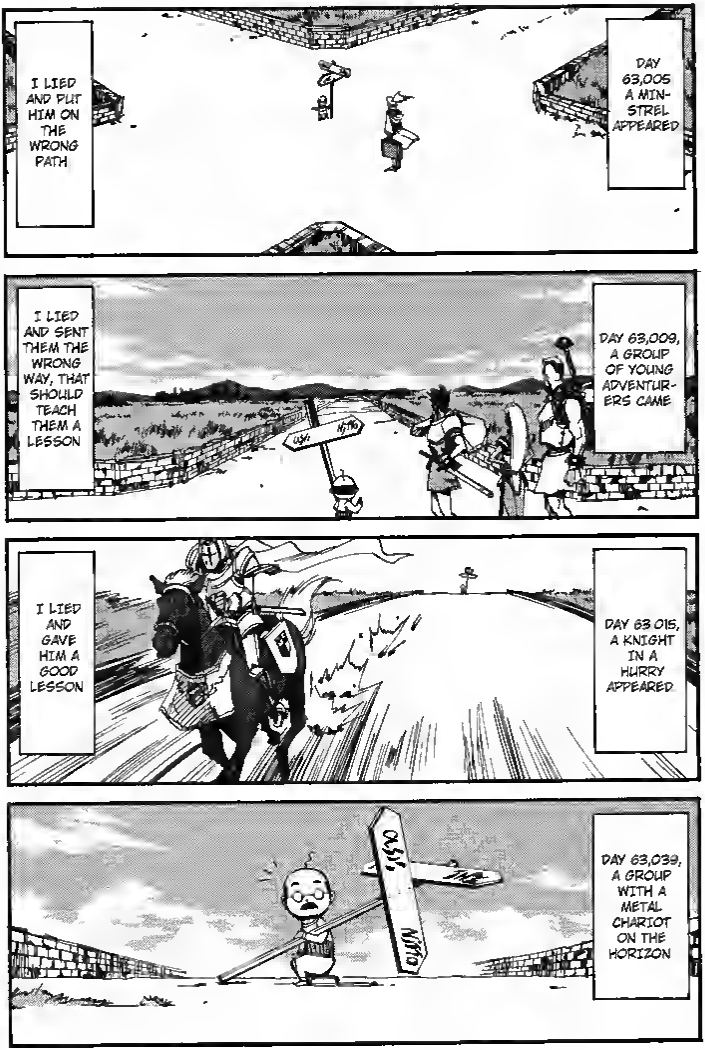
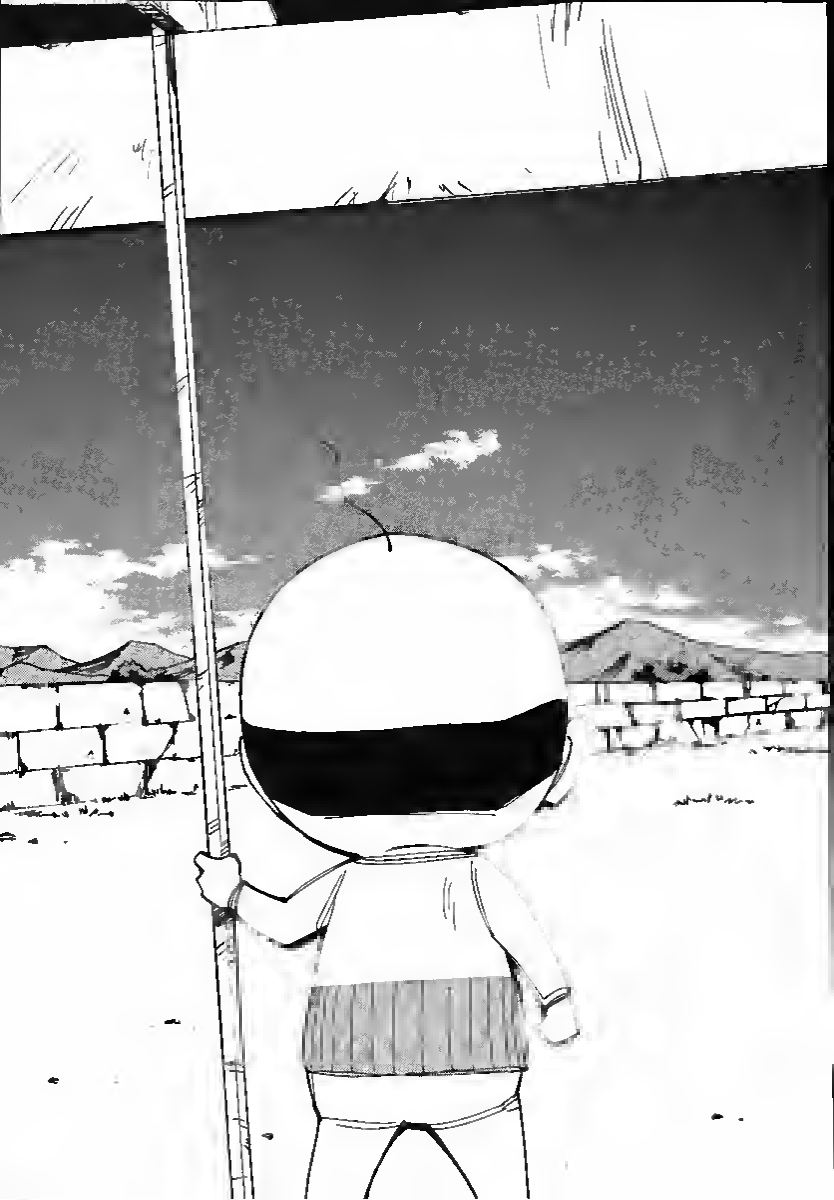
I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT THEY CALL THIS GIRL TOKUDA IN MY OFFICE. →

AH YES, I REMEMBER. IT'S THE NAME OF A MANNEQUIN.


I LIED AND PUT HIM ON THE WRONG PATH
DAY 63,005 A MINSTREL APPEARED
I LIED AND SENT THEM THE WRONG WAY, THAT SHOULD TEACH THEM A LESSON
DAY 63,009, A GROUP OF YOUNG ADVENTURERS CAME
I LIED AND GAVE HIM A GOOD LESSON
DAY 63 015, A KNIGHT IN A HURRY APPEARED
DAY 63,039, A GROUP WITH A METAL CHARIOT ON THE HORIZON

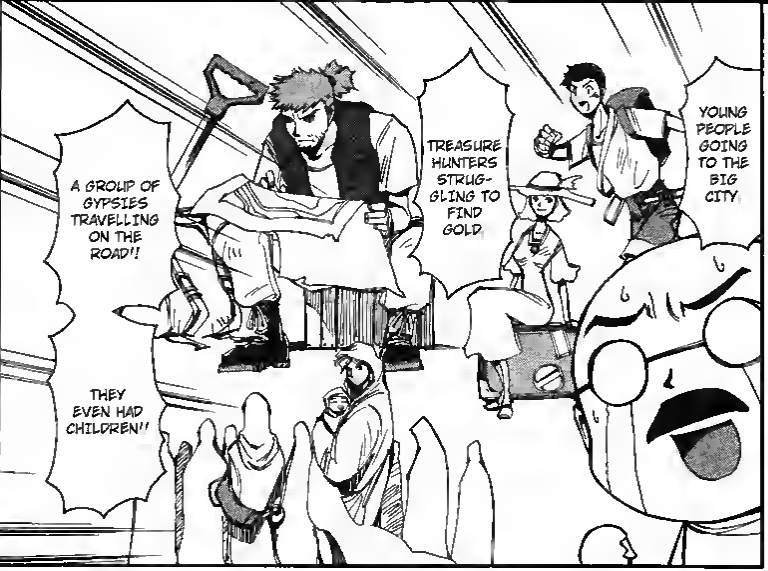
#44 CROSSROADS



IT'S USELESS TO LIE!!
HUH!?
SHOCK

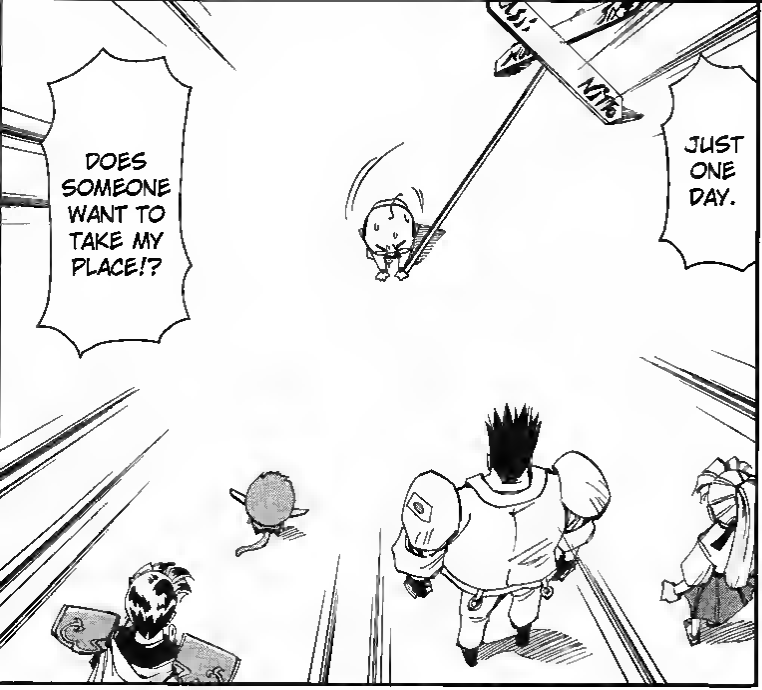
LOOK
IT... IT CAN'T BE...
LIAR
WARNING
SHOCK
THE INFORMATION WE HAVE IS QUITE THOROUGH
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING YET!!
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING? WHAT'S WITH THAT SIGNPOST?
HMMM
I THINK THIS IS THE REASON WHY I'VE BEEN GETTING LESS TRAVELLERS
IS THAT WHY YOU LIE?
.....
I AM THE EMBODIMENT OF THE HAPPINESS OF MEETING PEOPLE, SADNESS, SEPARATION, AND CONFUSION OF THOSE WHO ARE LOST
I'VE BEEN GIVING DIRECTIONS FOR OVER 170 YEARS
SURE
IT'S THE FEELINGS OF THE TRAVELLERS WHO COME THROUGH THIS CROSSROAD
.....
NOTE

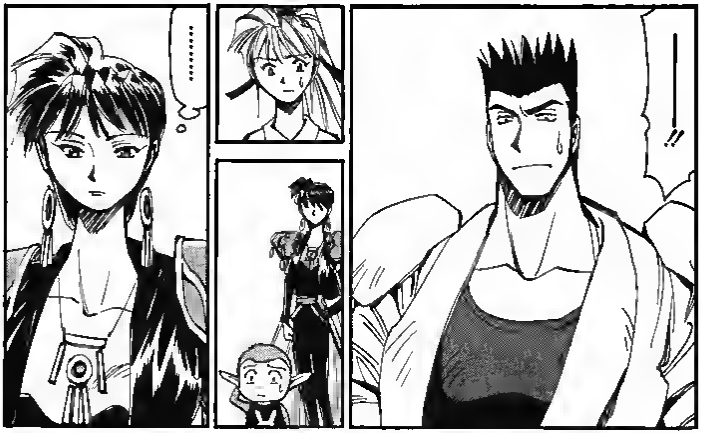
I AM AN OFFICER OF THE ROAD
THIS MEANS I'M NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE CROSSROADS
IF I TRY TO LEAVE THEN...
TAD TAD TAD
AHH!!
SFX WHACK
TAKE A LOOK,
THE HARDER I TRY TO ESCAPE THE MORE I GET HURT
FSSHHH
I SEE
IT MUST BE HARD ON YOU.
AND YET
AND YET
ALL THE TRAVELLERS WHO PASS BY HAVE FREEDOM TO DO WHAT THEY WANT!!
GASP


YOUNG PEOPLE GOING TO THE BIG CITY
TREASURE HUNTERS STRUGGLING TO FIND GOLD
A GROUP OF GYPSIES TRAVELLING ON THE ROAD!!
THEY EVEN HAD CHILDREN!!

THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS WATCH THEM!
THEY ARE FREE TO WALK AND LIVE WHEREVER THEY WANT!!
I WATCH THEM ALL GO BY IN ENVY.....
I-I SEE...

WALK
.....
I BET YOU WANT TO WALK OUT OF HERE
I CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH HOW YOU FEEL
I KNOW I CAN'T BLAME THEM
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY I CAN LEAVE THIS PLACE
キラーン
LISTEN,
IF SOMEONE AGREES TO TAKE MY PLACE, THEN I WILL BE FREE.
SFX. SPARKLE
FOR JUST ONE DAY!!
MAN, THAT SOUNDS PRETTY BAD
OF COURSE, WHOEVER TAKES MY PLACE WILL BE CONFINED IN THIS AREA
WHAT!?


JUST ONE DAY.
DOES SOMEONE WANT TO TAKE MY PLACE!?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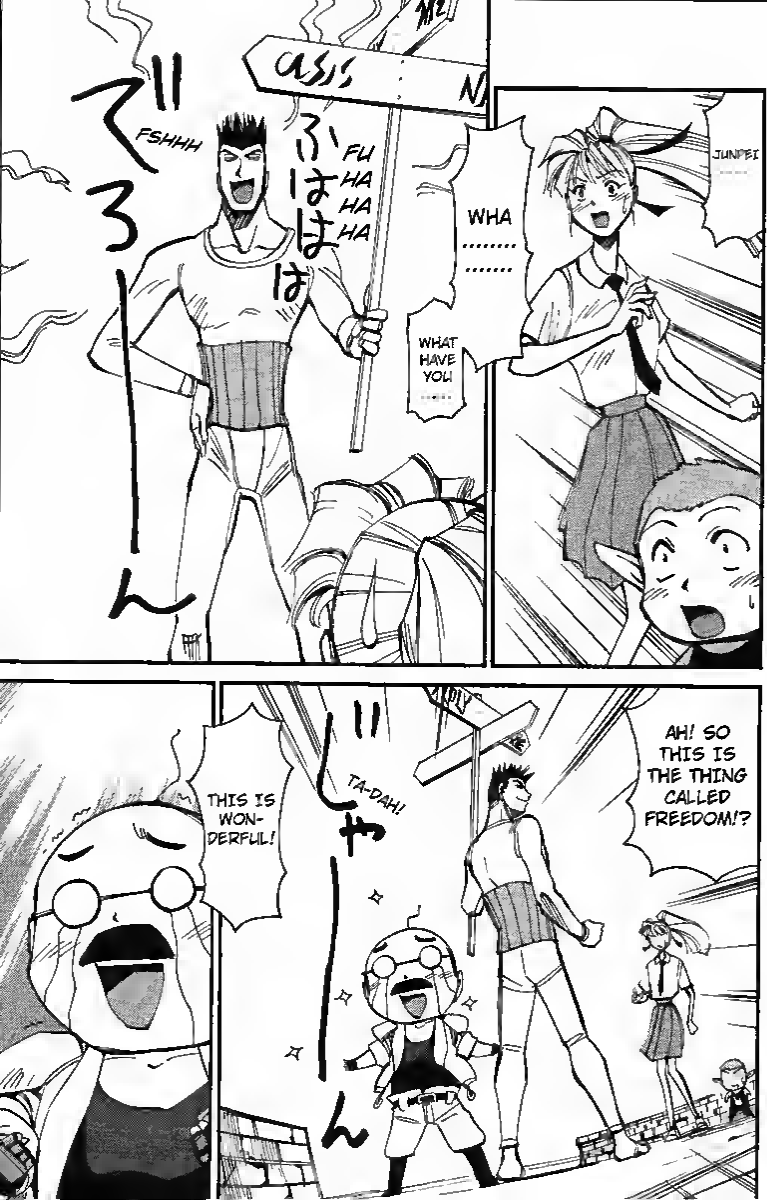
WAIT A MINUTE, JUNPEI!!
ALRIGHT, I'LL DO IT!! I'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE!!
R-REALLY!?
SFX THUD
YOU IDIOT! THERE'S NO GUARANTEE HE'LL EVEN COME BACK!!
THE RISK IS TOO GREAT!!
WHISPER
I TRUST HIM!!
THIS IS A PROMISE BETWEEN MEN!!
HMM!!
IF YOU AGREE, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GRAB THIS ...!!
SFX WHOOSH
KYAAA!!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GRAB THAT!?
SFX BAM

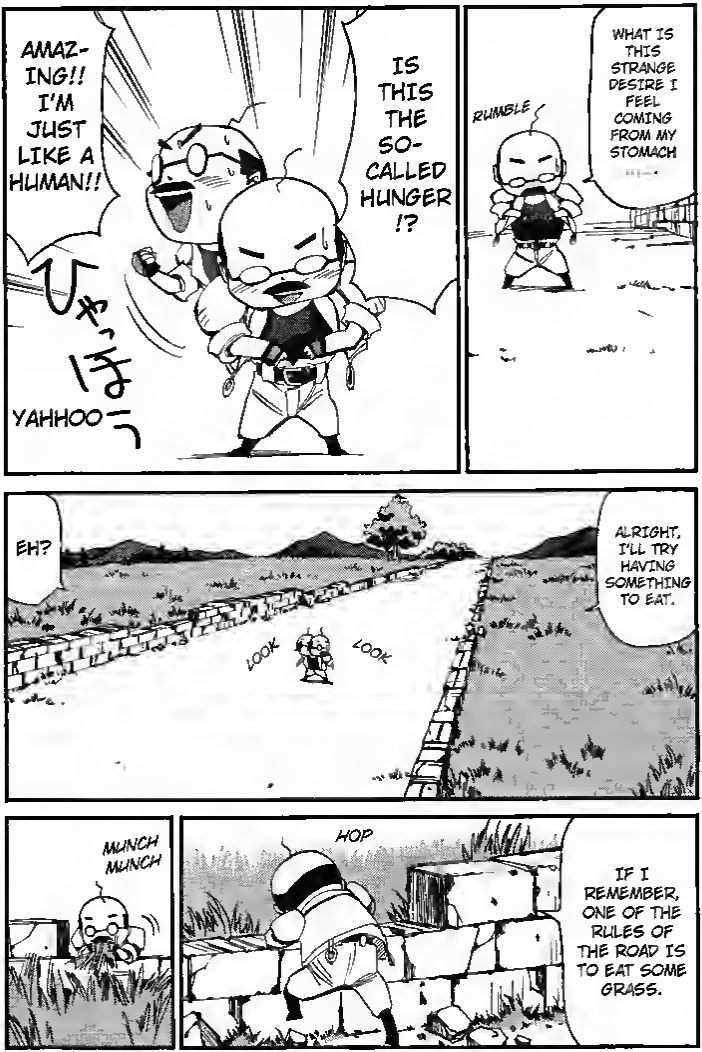

FSHHH
ふはは
FU HA HA HA HA
JUNPEI
WHA
WHAT HAVE YOU
AH! SO THIS IS THE THING CALLED FREEDOM!?
TA-DAH!
THIS IS WON-DERFUL!

BUT..
.....
NO IT'S ALRIGHT, I CAN WALK ON MY OWN.
SHOCK
ME TOO!!
I'M COMING WITH YOU!!
I'LL WALK AWAY IMMEDIATELY!!
TAP
DASH
RIT-CHAN, CELCIA-SAN.
AIRI-SAN
IT'S ALRIGHT
WE SHOULD LET HIM WALK ALONE

I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A FUN JOURNEY.
.....?
A-ALRIGHT, IF YOU SAY SO AIRI-SAN
BUT...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS!? CAN WE JUST LET HIM GO?
OKAY, I'LL SEE YOU GUYS LATER!!
HAVE A NICE DAY!!

I'M FREE! FREE!
HIYHHH
ひゃっほー
I SHOULD GO AND TEST OUT MY ABILITIES NOW!!
THOSE GUYS ARE A BUNCH OF IDIOTS!!
THEY ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT I'LL BE COMING BACK!!
HEHE HE
NOW I'M OFF TO THE NEAREST TOWN, I'LL TRADE AND EARN MONEY THEN I'LL BUILD MYSELF A CASTLE!!
NO, I'LL TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD IN A LUXURI-OUS BOAT!!
GA HA HA HA
TAP TAP TAP
.....
BUT .....

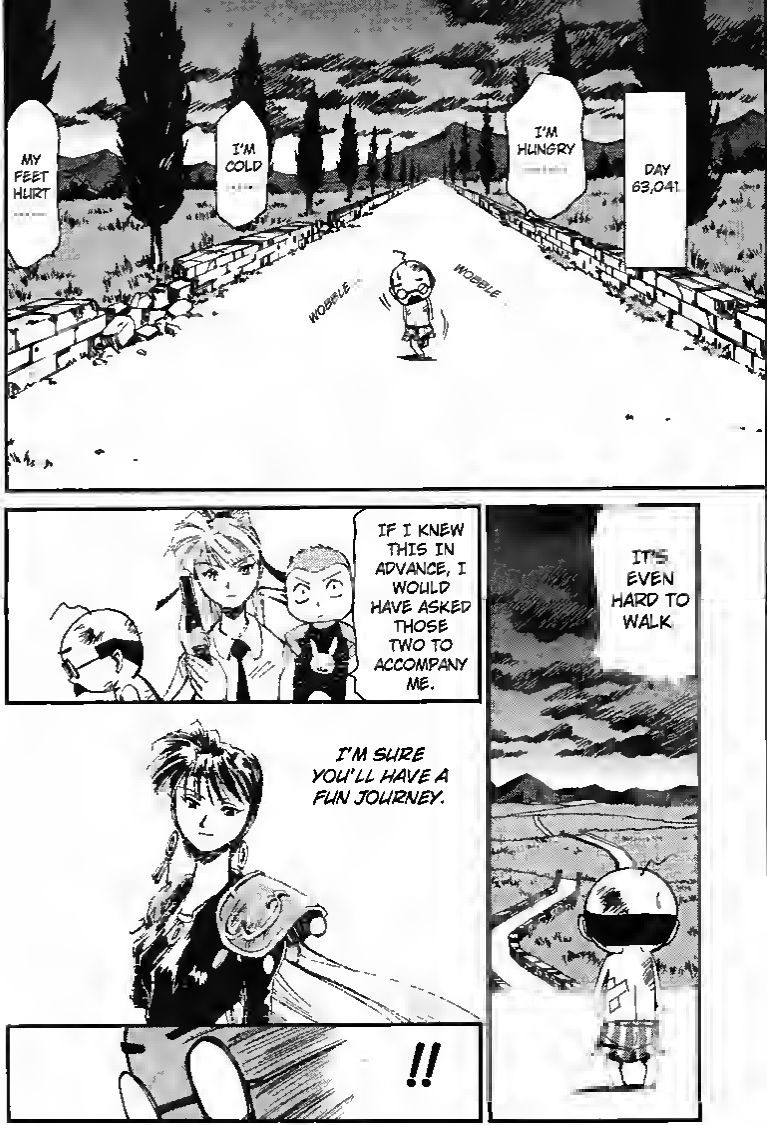
AH, NEVER-MIND...
WHAT DID THAT WOMAN MEAN? WHAT WAS THE MEANING BEHIND HER WINK?
OH!?
RUMBLE


AMAZ-ING!! I'M JUST LIKE A HUMAN!!
IS THIS THE SO-CALLED HUNGER!?
ひゃっほーう
YAHHOO
RUMBLE
WHAT IS THIS STRANGE DESIRE I FEEL COMING FROM MY STOMACH
EH?
LOOK
LOOK
ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY HAVING SOMETHING TO EAT.
MUNCH MUNCH
HOP
IF I REMEMBER, ONE OF THE RULES OF THE ROAD IS TO EAT SOME GRASS.

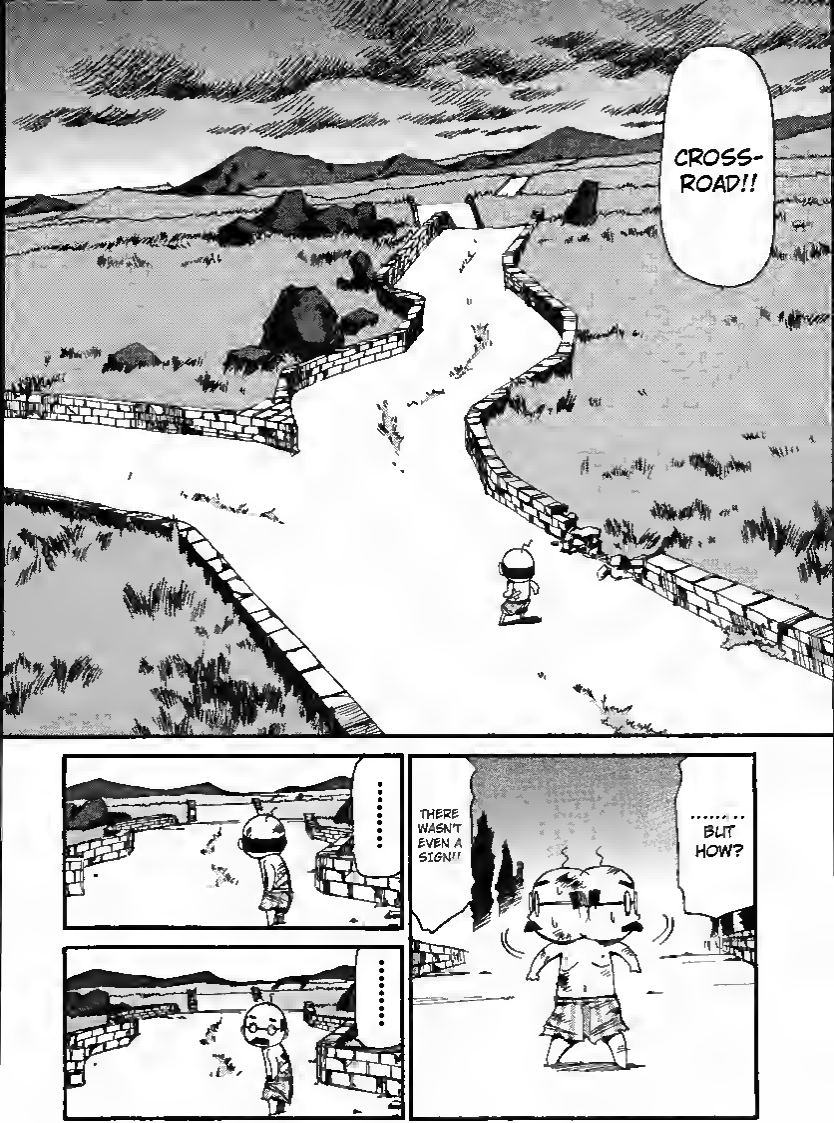
I DIDN'T KNOW EATING WAS SO BAD!!
I FORGOT THAT RULE ONLY APPLES TO HORSES AND CATTLE
OH,
YUCK!
ゲホ
ゴホ
SFX: COUGH COUGH
THIS TROUBLES ME,
I'LL NEED TO FIND SOME HUMAN FOOD
キョロ
キョロ
SFX: LOOKING
LUCKY ME!! PLEASE GIVE ME A LUXURY MEAL!!
DASH
AH!!
IS THAT A COLUMN OF NOBLES!?
パッカ
パッカ
パッカ
SFX: CLIPPITY-CLOP

YOU IDIOT !!
!?
SFX SMACK
HMPH! LOOKS LIKE YOU AREN'T FROM OUR COUNTY
EH? WHAT CROSSING STATION?
NOW GIVE ME YOUR TOLL FOR PASSAGE!
SFX GRRRRR
SFX SHOOK
WHAT DID THEY TEACH YOU AT THE CROSSING STATION!?
ONE OF THE RULES OF THE ROAD IS TO MOVE ASIDE FOR CARRIAGES!!
THEY TOOK MY CLOTHES BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY
WUH
SFX FSHHH

DAY 63,040, I QUENCH MY THIRST BY DRINKING THE MORNING RAIN WATER
HOW MUCH I MUST WALK TO THE NEAREST VILLAGE
EVEN SO...
BEFORE NOON ON THE SAME DAY, I WAS ATTACKED BY A PACK OF WILD DOGS
ON THE NIGHT OF THE SAME DAY, A GROUP OF GHOSTS PASSED ME BY
ON THE EVENING OF THE SAME DAY IT STARTED TO RAIN HEAVILY I COULD DRINK WHAT I WANTED, BUT I WAS DYING OF THE COLD
AT NOON ON THE SAME DAY, I WAS STARVING SO I FORCED MYSELF TO EAT SOME GRASS IT TASTED BAD

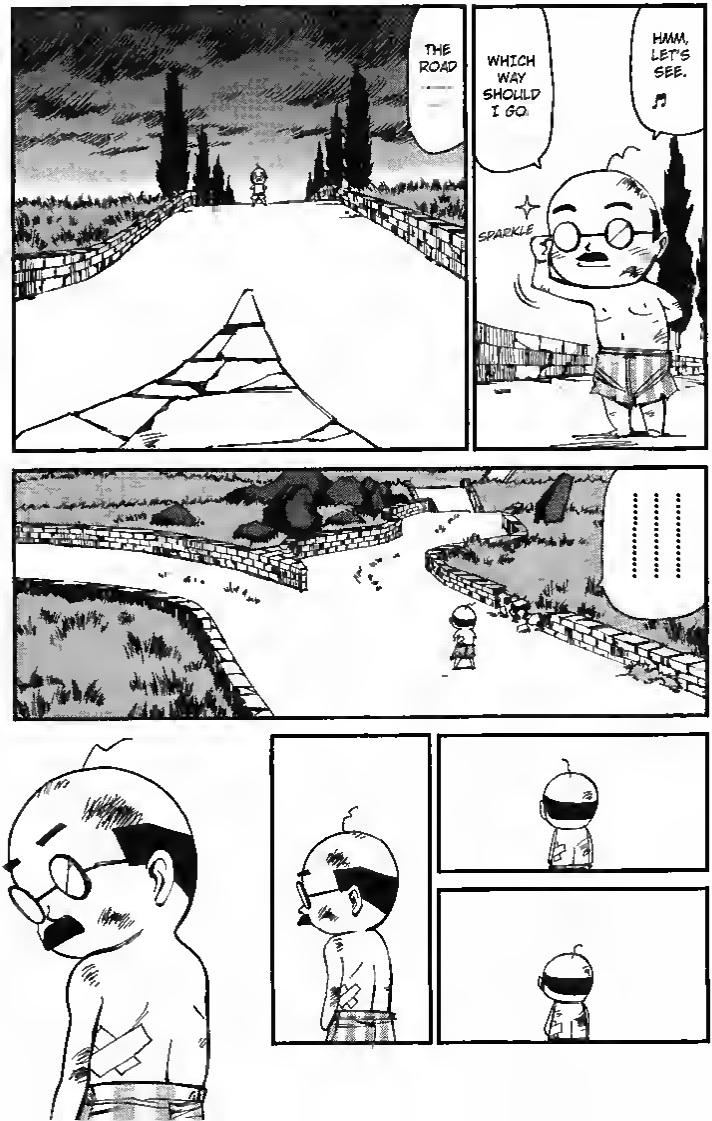

DAY 63,041
I'M HUNGRY
I'M COLD
MY FEET HURT
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
IT'S EVEN HARD TO WALK
IF I KNEW THIS IN ADVANCE, I WOULD HAVE ASKED THOSE TWO TO ACCOMPANY ME.
I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A FUN JOURNEY.
!!

SOMEONE HELP ME!! IF THIS GOES ON .....
THUD THUD THUD
だだだだ
WHAT KIND OF CRUEL PEOPLE ARE THEY!?
THEY DELIB-ERATELY DID THIS TO MAKE ME SUFFER .....!!
THAT'S IT!!
I WILL DIE!!
IF THIS GOES GO..
THIS IS A .....
THIS
ザッ
キキー!!
SFX FUSHAA
SFX. SCREECH

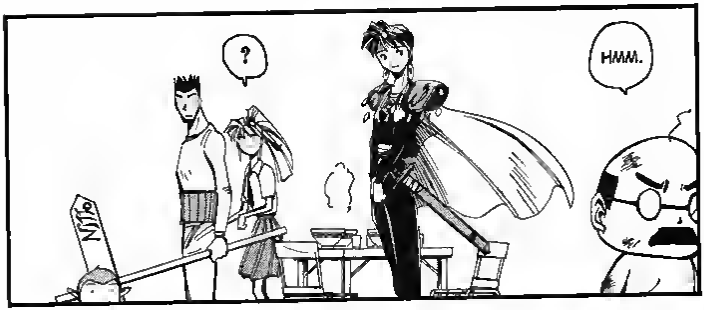

CROSS-ROAD!!
.....
.....
THERE WASN'T EVEN A SIGN!!
.....
BUT HOW?

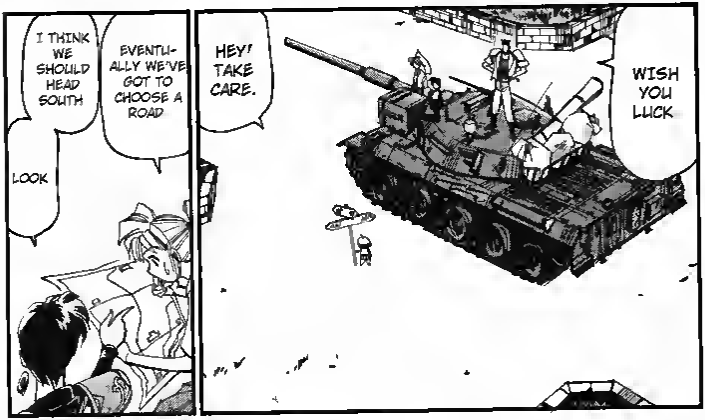
WHICH PATH SHOULD I TAKE!?

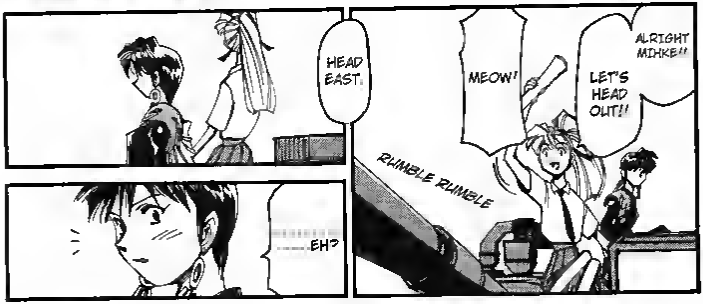
WHICH ONE WILL I MOST LIKELY SURVIVE ON!?
WHICH ONE LEADS TO THE NEAREST TOWN?
THIS IS A LIFE AND DEATH CHOICE!!
MY BODY HAS REACHED ITS LIMITS!!
FOR TRAVELLERS THIS IS A MATTER BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!!
THERE COULD AT LEAST HAVE BEEN A SIGN-POST!!
AHHH..
ALL I NEED TO DO IS PUT MY FAITH IN GOD. HE'LL SHOW ME THE RIGHT PATH!!
GA HA HA HA
IT WAS MY JOB TO POINT THE WAY!!
GASP
!
I HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN!!
OO OH!
TAP
SFX: TA-DAH!


THE ROAD
WHICH WAY SHOULD I GO.
HMM, LET'S SEE.
♫
SPARKLE
.....

HEY!!
HE CAME BACK!!
WEL-COME BACK!!
//
SMILE
.....
I JUST GOT A LITTLE LOST.
HAHA HA...
WHY ARE YOU IN YOUR UNDER-WEAR?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME BACK...
WE WENT OUT SEARCHING FOR YOU
I WAS WORRIED!!


?
HMM.
NINJA


I THINK WE SHOULD HEAD SOUTH
EVENTUALLY WE'VE GOT TO CHOOSE A ROAD
LOOK
HEY! TAKE CARE.
WISH YOU LUCK


HEAD EAST.
MEOW!
ALRIGHT MIHKE!!
LET'S HEAD OUT!!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
.....EH?

HEAD TO THERE FROM THE EAST. IT'S A SAFER ROUTE!!
THAT MAP IS VERY OLD.
.....
.....
.....
THAT ENCOUNTER WITH THAT WOMAN...
OF COURSE!
SMILE
WHISPER
DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?
LIAR
WARNING

IT'S CHANGED MY LIFE ON THE CROSS-ROADS
GOOD LUCK!
TAKE CARE!
RUMBLE
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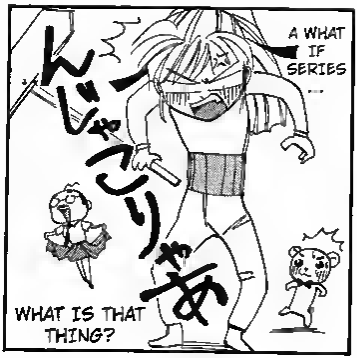

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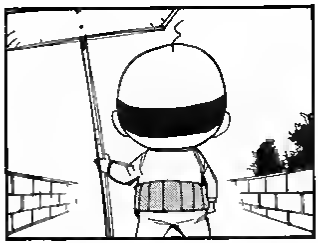

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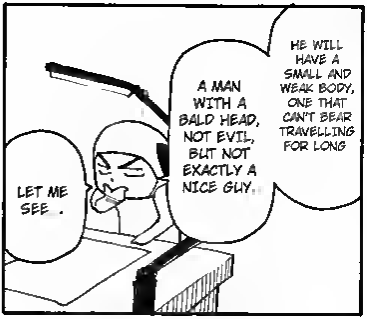
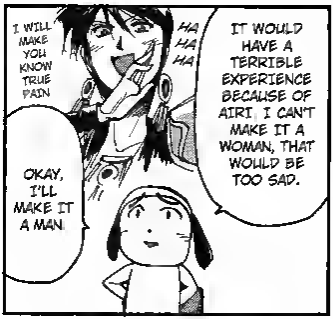
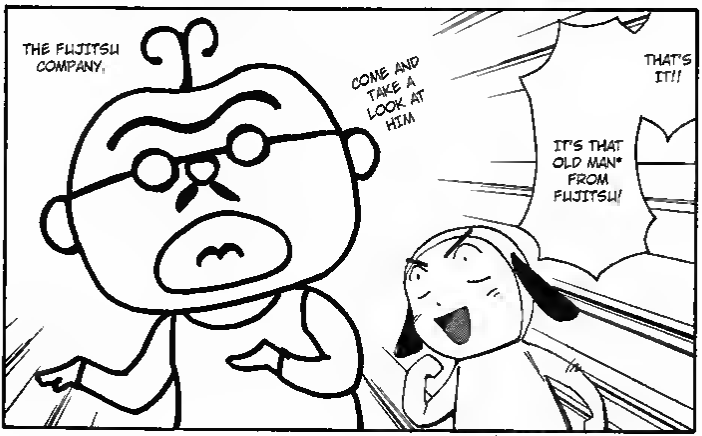
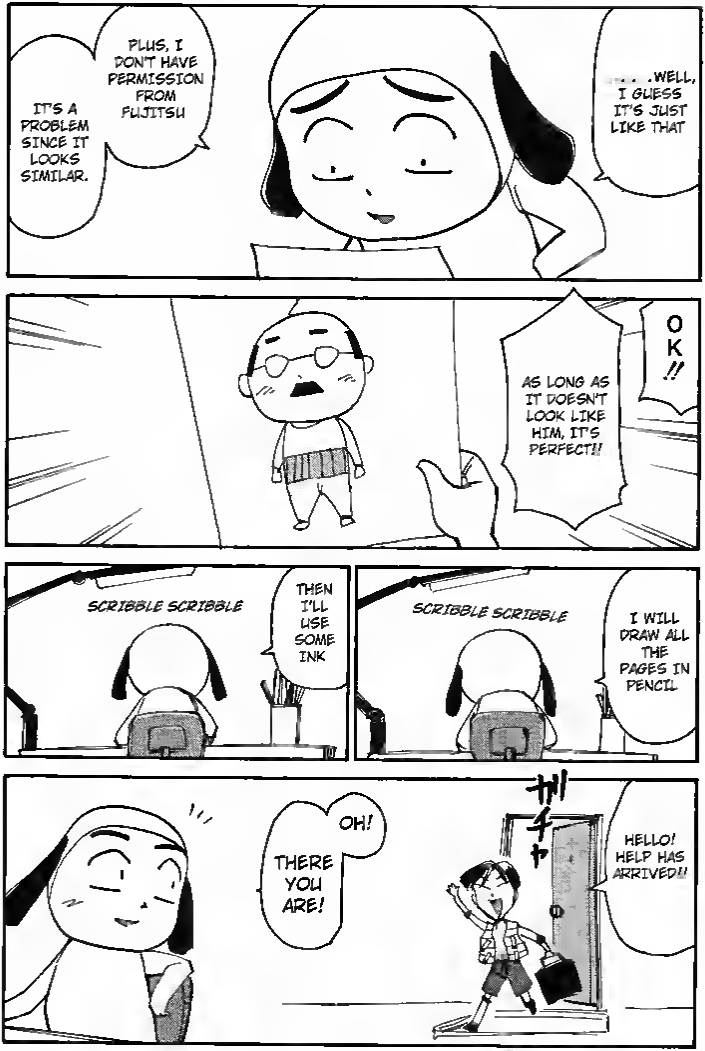

LET ME SEE .
A MAN WITH A BALD HEAD, NOT EVIL, BUT NOT EXACTLY A NICE GUY.
HE WILL HAVE A SMALL AND WEAK BODY, ONE THAT CAN'T BEAR TRAVELLING FOR LONG


I WILL MAKE YOU KNOW TRUE PAIN
HA HA HA
IT WOULD HAVE A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE BECAUSE OF AIRI. I CAN'T MAKE IT A WOMAN, THAT WOULD BE TOO SAD.
OKAY, I'LL MAKE IT A MAN



*MASCOT OF THE FUJITSU COMPANY 1994-2000

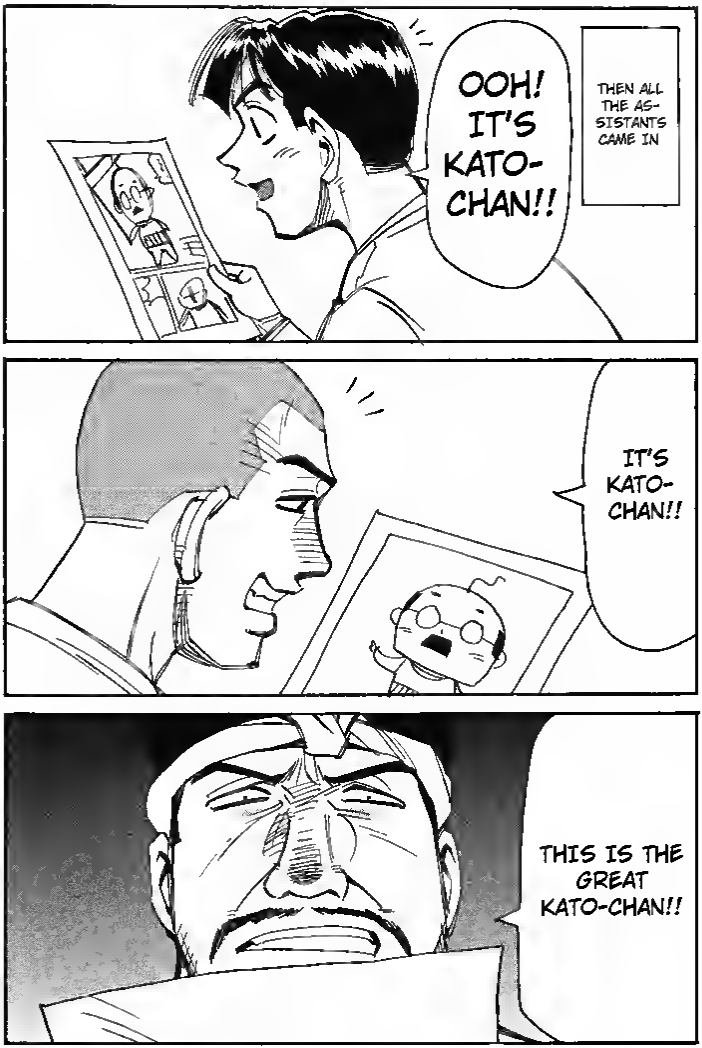
SCRIBBLE
HE ALSO HAS A MOUSTACHE.
IF I REMEMBER ——
HE IS BALD WITH GLASSES.
SPIRIT INDICATOR.
DONE !!
I GUESS THAT'S IT.
IT KIND OF LOOKS DIFFERENT.
? ?
HUH?
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
.....

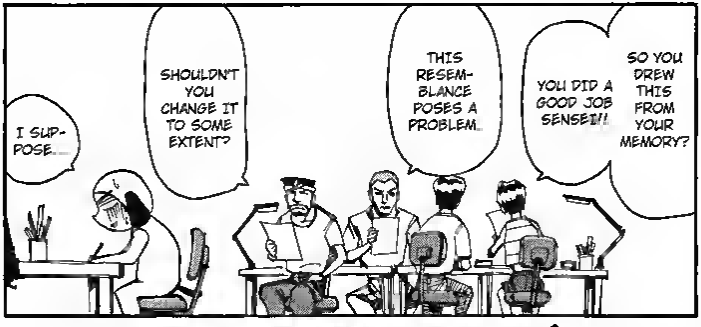

PLUS, I DON'T HAVE PERMISSION FROM FUJITSU
IT'S A PROBLEM SINCE IT LOOKS SIMILAR.
... .WELL, I GUESS IT'S JUST LIKE THAT
OK !!
AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIM, IT'S PERFECT!!
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
THEN I'LL USE SOME INK
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
I WILL DRAW ALL THE PAGES IN PENCIL
OH!
THERE YOU ARE!
カチャ
HELLO! HELP HAS ARRIVED!!

SFX: KER-CHAK

HOW IS IT GOING?
ACTUALLY, I HAD TO RELY ON MY MEMORY, HERE IT IS.
AH! IT'S KATO-CHAN!!
FU-JISTU.
JAPANESE ACTOR FROM 1943
!!

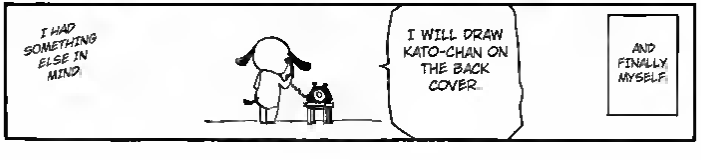
OH NO! I KNEW I'VE SEEN IT SOME-WHERE!!
カ


THEN ALL THE ASSISTANTS CAME IN
OOH! IT'S KATO-CHAN!!
IT'S KATO-CHAN!!
THIS IS THE GREAT KATO-CHAN!!


I SUP-POSE...
SHOULDN'T YOU CHANGE IT TO SOME EXTENT?
THIS RESEM-BLANCE POSES A PROBLEM.
YOU DID A GOOD JOB SENSEI!!
SO YOU DREW THIS FROM YOUR MEMORY?

HOW DARE THAT GUY DRAW KATO-CHAN!!
EVEN THE EDITOR LOOKED AT IT.

WHO IS GOING TO DO THE VOICE FOR THE ANIME?
WHAT WILL HE DO NEXT?
ISN'T THIS FOUL PLAY?


I HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND.
I WILL DRAW KATO-CHAN ON THE BACK COVER.
AND FINALLY, MYSELF.

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